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**BEST FOR
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AFTER two years of decline, Hongkong's exports in 1959 rose to their highest level for eight years. That is the cheering news revealed in official figures released yesterday. The only two years in which Hongkong has done better — 1950 and 1951 — were when China, at war in Korea, was buying heavily through the Colony. So that last year's exports can be regarded as the best for a "normal" year since the war.

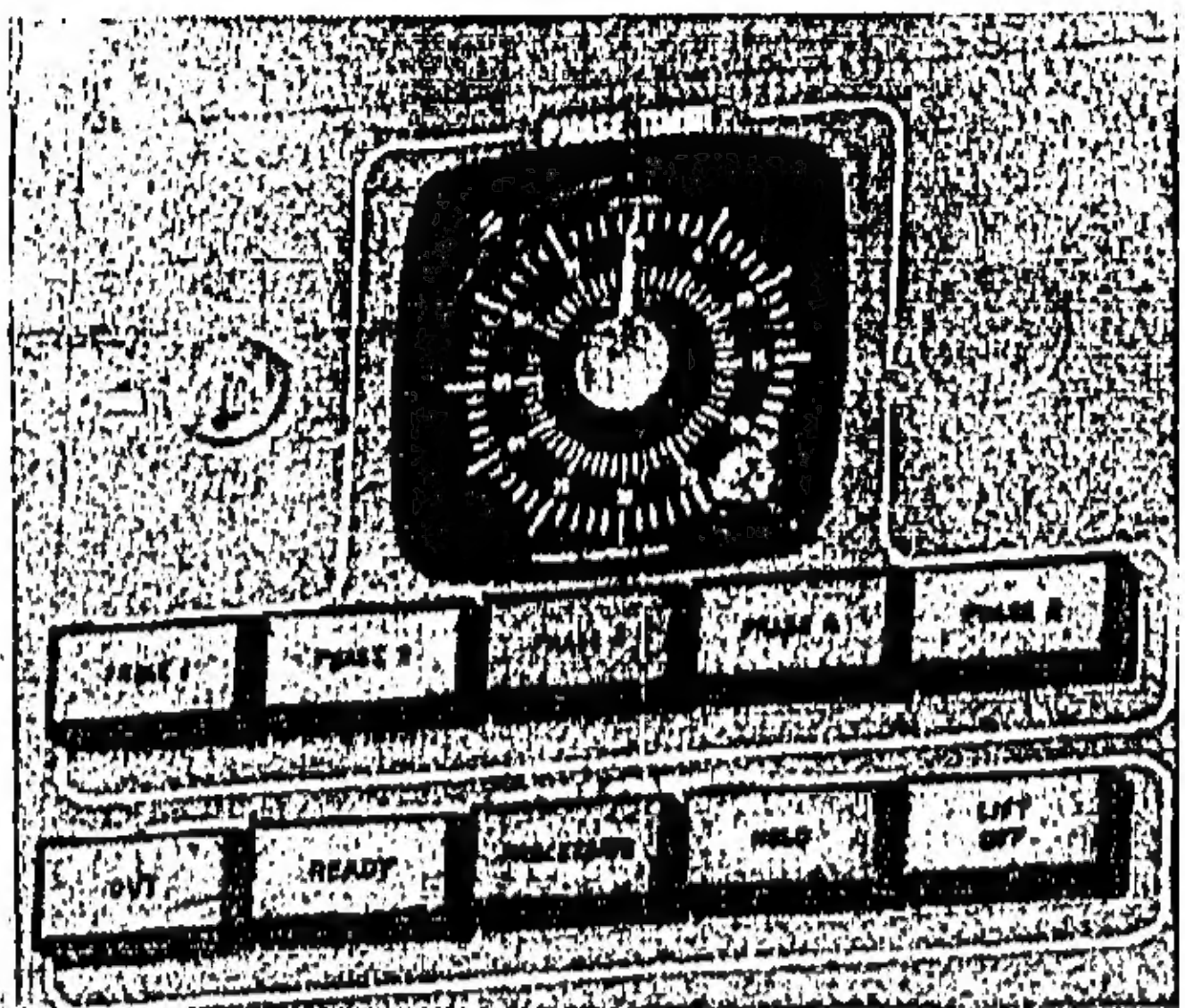
What will cause even greater pleasure is the proportion of local products sent overseas — 70 per cent. In 1958 the figure, admittedly computed on a slightly different basis, was 42 per cent. This is of course only a reflection of the intensive industrial development which continued in the Colony last year and is generally expected that textile items would head the list of local products exported.

THE D. C. and I figures show that two items — clothing and textile yarn, fabrics and made-up articles — accounted for more than half the exports of Hongkong products, and that the United States easily replaced Britain as Hongkong's biggest customer. There is reason both for satisfaction and concern at these figures: that such a discriminating market as America should take so much more than any other in quality; on the other hand, Hongkong has had full warning of the consequences of failure to diversify.

There has also been an increase in exports to the United Kingdom and Japan, but Indonesia and Thailand have considerably reduced their purchases. A more detailed breakdown of the figures however shows that a general decline in trade with Asia — to the tune of about \$150 million — has been more than compensated by improved exports to British Commonwealth countries and Europe.

THESE improvements reflect to some extent the success of trade promotion carried out last year. Our exports to Australia, West Germany, Switzerland and Sweden, all of which have been brought into closer contact with the Colony through our participation in overseas trade fairs, show good increases and the hope is that the current mission to West Africa produces results to make up for a 10 per cent drop in the Colony's trade with non-Commonwealth Africa last year. South America continues to be a poor market and it might repay the Colony to give this area further careful study. It must be hoped that this year's figures continue to improve but an increase in the value of total exports will be less important than some sign that local merchants are spreading their exports to a greater extent than in the past. One-third of our exports are now going to Britain and America. Nine years ago this same proportion was going to China. In a year this huge market was almost entirely wiped out. It is hard to believe that such a dramatic change could occur in our trade today, but speculative markets are always unpredictable and risky. And there would be cause for greater satisfaction if our trade was less heavily lopsided.

BIRTH OF THIRD BABY "AT ANY TIME" The Queen has her last check-up by doctors



On the control consoles of the 15 Thor ballistic missiles at the RAF's Feltwell base are two labels bearing the all-important words: "Peace" and "War". A turn of the key to left arms the H-bomb warheads of the missile, each with the punch of one million tons of TNT. The key is held by a US Air Force Officer, First Lieutenant Robert Mazik, under orders from Washington; but he can't turn it without the permission of RAF Launch Control Officer Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Turner — taking his instructions direct from Downing Street. — Express Photo.

Last desperate bid to save Chessman

Washington, Feb. 16.

A 57-page petition asking for a writ of habeas corpus to save convict-author Caryl Chessman, due to go to the gas chamber on Friday, was submitted to Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter.

It was submitted by Miss Rosalie Asher, a lawyer from Sacramento, California, who said she had been involved in the case since Chessman was convicted on a number of charges including kidnapping, attempted rape and sexual perversion, more than 11 years ago.

Chessman, sentenced to death in 1949 on the kidnapping charge and who has had seven

The real 'Red Light Bandit'

San Paolo, Feb. 16. Mr. Giacomo Pansa, a manufacturer of textile machinery, was en route to California today to meet a detective who could reveal the name of the man who committed the crimes for which Caryl Chessman is scheduled to be executed. Mr. Pansa identified the detective as Bill Linhart. The industrialist said Chessman also knew the name of the real "Red Light Bandit" and if Chessman did not reveal it by Thursday the detective planned to do so. — AP.

execution dates stayed, is now due to die in the gas chamber of San Quentin state prison on Friday.

The petition contended that Chessman had been subjected to cruel and unusual punishment. It also declared that the method of preparing a transcript of his original trial in Los Angeles was improper.

The new appeal was made following a rejection of Chessman's request for a stay of execution yesterday by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. — Reuter.

How he has changed in 12 years

New York, Feb. 16. The two detectives whose testimony brought the death sentence to Caryl Chessman feel that he has changed drastically during his 12 years in a death cell. Life magazine said today.

Life said the former detectives, Al Goossen and Colin Forbes, recently met Chessman in the warden's office at San Quentin prison. It added that both men, both now out of police work, were impressed by Chessman's tenacity and capacity for work.

FAIR CHANCE

Goossen said he thought Chessman, if released "would have a pretty fair chance to place himself because of the changes that have occurred around him since the publicity from his books and appeals."

Forbes, who retired from the police department after a heart attack in 1956, was less lenient. Life reported. It quoted Forbes as saying:

"Suppose he were released and the books he plans to write didn't sell. I think he'd go right back to crime. I can't forget the mental and physical torture he imposed on his victims."

"Twelve years on death row are just not enough punishment. I'm afraid I still believe that the verdict returned by the jury in 1949 should be carried out." — AP.

CYCLED WITHOUT TROUSERS

Ipswich, Feb. 16. A cyclist who pedalled through this Suffolk town without any trousers was fined 27 here for riding a cycle under the influence of drink.

A policeman told the court that he thought there was something peculiar about the cyclist, 32-year-old Patrick Joseph Murphy, whom he noticed his bare calves.

Stopped by the officer, Murphy was found to be carrying his trousers under his coat. Murphy told the court he could not keep his trousers up, and was trying to get home as fast as he could. — China Mail Special.

HK heroin traffic uncontrollable

Washington, Feb. 16.

Heroin traffic in Hongkong is almost uncontrollable, U.S. Narcotics Commissioner Mr. Harry J. Anslinger said today. Mr. Anslinger in recent testimony before a house appropriations committee made public today, said the narcotics problem in Hongkong is greater than in Japan.

He said the colony has so many heroin addicts that the narcotics traffic is "virtually out of control." The British Government, he said, estimates that there are between 150,000 and 250,000 heroin addicts in Hongkong, as compared with an estimated 60,000 in the United States. — UPI.

BIG DRUG SEIZURE

Officers of the Preventive Service seized 340 lbs of raw opium from an aircraft which arrived in Hongkong from Laos yesterday afternoon. No arrest was made.

Two and a quarter miles thick ice in Antarctic

Durban, Feb. 16. Soundings through the Antarctic ice have shown it to be as much as two and a quarter miles thick in some places. And it has still not been determined whether Antarctica is a continent or a floating icecap.

Dr. Alexander Dralnin, leader of Russia's fourth Antarctic expedition, said this today. He landed here today with the expedition's other 111 members from the Soviet Antarctic

There was a flurry of excitement in Fleet Street earlier in the evening when rumours began flying around that the baby had come, but Buckingham Palace were quick to deny it.

The baby is, however, expected at any time. Both Prince Philip and the Queen Mother spent part of the day with the Queen.

Fit, well

She is reported to be fit and well.

People are waiting in groups outside the Palace walls in the hope of seeing the birth proclamation posted on the gates.

Last night the Buckingham Palace Brownie pack met as usual. Princess Anne told her fellow Brownies the baby had not come yet although she was excited and looking forward to its arrival. Later Brown Owl Miss Mary Milligan said: "The Princess was very excited. She kept saying how much she was hoping to have a little sister."

For the first time the Queen did not take her customary walk in the palace grounds with her corgi dogs yesterday.

Present for Guards

The Queen will give the Palace guards a present "to wet the baby's head."

Thirty-two Welsh Guardsmen will get one shilling and six pence each, four corporals four shillings and six pence, and four sergeants seven shillings and six pence — all of which will cost the Queen £4 10s.

But it is secret what the officers will get. — Reuter.

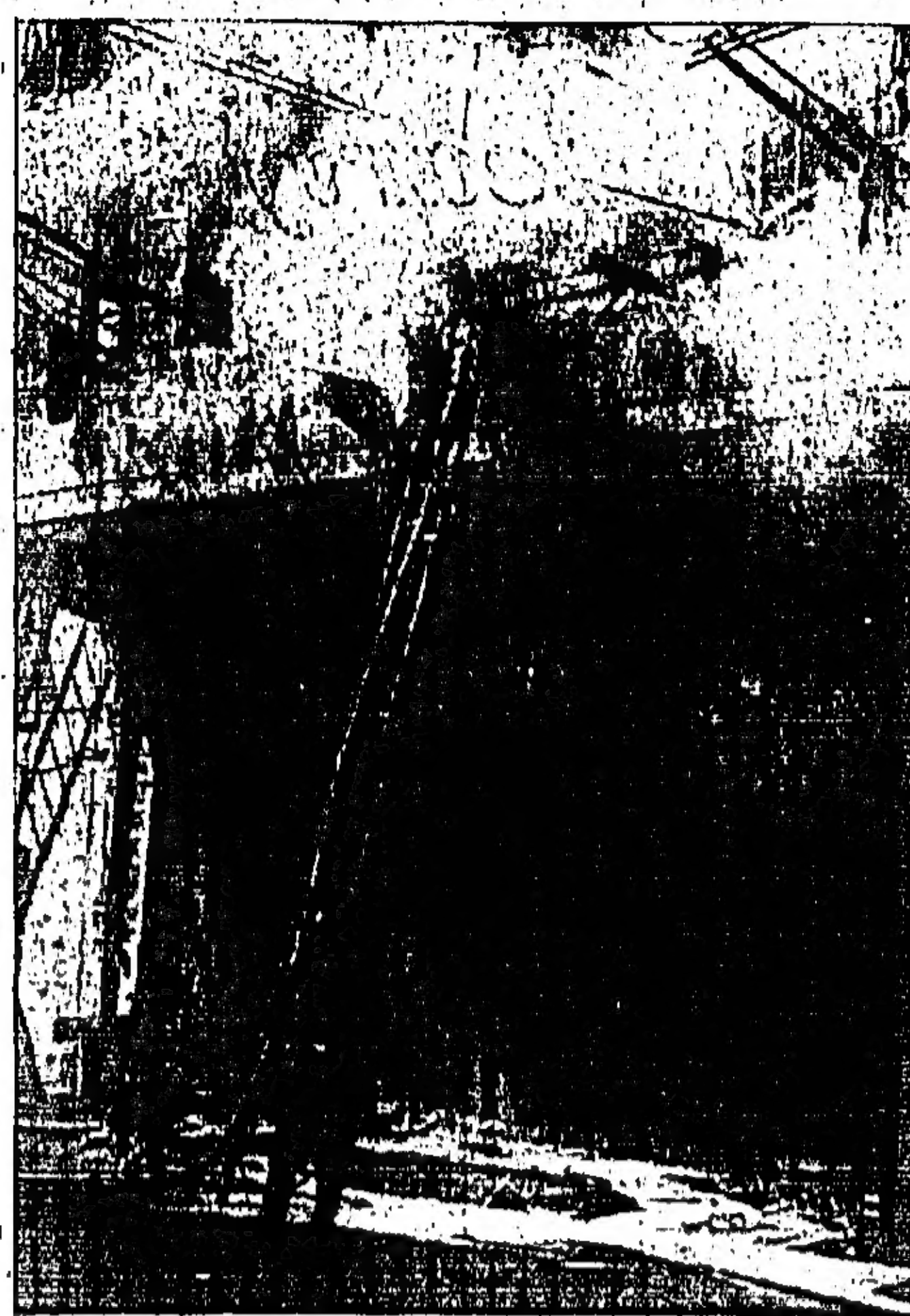
Swallowed engagement ring: fined

Cardiff, Feb. 16. Christian Mezey, 22, deliberately swallowed a £45 engagement ring when she and her fiancé visited a jeweller's shop, a court decided here today.

The girl, who said she had swallowed the ring accidentally while taking it off her finger with her teeth, was fined £10 for this.

A detective who searched the shop and the couple for the ring after it was missed suggested an X-ray, the court was told.

The accused was kept in hospital for two days, and the ring was recovered. — China Mail Special.



A fireman, almost hidden by a cloud of smoke, fights the fire from a ladder this morning. — China Mail photo.

Man's dash into blazing flat to save his dog

By CHINA MAIL REPORTER

A young labourer dashed into a blazing factory in Kowloon to save his pet dog this morning.

Driven back by flames, he staggered from the burning first floor to find that firemen had rescued his pet minutes before his arrival.

The labourer Anthony Lee of Ha Heung Road was later treated by an ambulance man. The fire which gutted a first floor of a joss paper factory broke out at 10.45 a.m. The flames quickly spread and at one stage threatened the entire block of terraces.

As the fire spread through the factory dozens of workmen fled in terror. Shortly after three appliances arrived on the scene and more than 30 firemen scattered to battle the blaze.

And Tony Lee told a China Mail reporter that he was working in a nearby factory when he heard of the blaze.

Remembered pet

"I remembered that my dog Cley was locked in my room, above the factory," he said.

"I ran over to the factory to let him out of the room in case the fire spread."

"I ran up the stairs, but was driven back by the flames. I tried to get through but it was impossible."

"I could hardly see a thing as I staggered down the stairs but I was very relieved to find out that the firemen had earlier rescued Cley and had locked him away in a safe place."

Firemen brought the blaze under control shortly after noon.

Probe into HK labour laws

London, Feb. 16.

Mr Julian Amery, Colonial Under-Secretary told the House of Commons here today that the labour regulations in Hongkong limiting hours of work for women and young children were now being "vigorously enforced."

He said (this in reply to a question by Mr Ernest Thornton (Labour)).

A comprehensive system of inspection was aimed at ensuring that hours of work, meal times and rest days complied with the regulations, Mr Amery told him.

Mr Thornton asked if the Colonial Secretary was satisfied that the colony's factory inspectorate was adequate to deal with this problem.

Complacency

Mr Amery replied: "I hope we shall never be satisfied with these matters. Complacency is a very dangerous thing for a government department."

Mr Cyril Osborne (Conservative) asked what real powers the Government had over this colony to insist that "some decent labour standards" were maintained.

Mr Amery: "The colony's new regulations do go a long way to improve the working conditions to what they used to be."

Hours of work

Mr Thornton also asked the Colonial Secretary when he proposed to take further steps to reduce the maximum hours of work of women and young persons in industrial establishments in Hongkong and so bring maximum hours into line with general Asian standards.

Mr Amery replied: "When the present regulations were introduced the Hongkong Government made it clear that they were only a first step in its policy of raising minimum standards of employment."

"But you will realise that the regulations have involved a major adjustment of working conditions in many undertakings."

"The problem of adjustment has already been overcome in all spinning mills and in more than half the larger weaving mills by changing over to eight-hour shifts."

"This process is spreading to other industries, but I am not yet in a position to forecast a date when maximum hours of work could be further reduced." — Reuter.

CREATOR OF 'JANE' DEAD



London, Feb. 16.

Mr Norman Pett, creator of the Daily Mirror's blonde cartoon character Jane, died at his home at Keymer, Sussex, today. He was in his sixties.

The adventures of Jane, who spent most of her cartoon life in filmy underwear, are said to have made a contribution to the British war effort second only to that of Sir Winston Churchill.

Jane completely lost her clothes for the first time at the height of the war. The United States service paper, "Round Up," reported that the British 36th Division immediately gained six miles and the British attacked in "Arkham."

A picture of Jane is reputed to have been painted on the turret of the first tank ashore in the Normandy invasion. Mr Pett survived his creation by only a few months. Last October the Daily Mirror brought the Jane series to an end after nearly 27 years. — Reuter.

Franco orders round-up

18 HELD INCLUDING TOP NOVELIST AND EX-FOOTBALL STAR

Madrid, Feb. 16. Spanish police have arrested at least 18 persons, including a prize-winning novelist and a former star of a Russian football team, in a 10-day-old crackdown on anti-regime agitators, well informed sources said today.

The round-up of enemies of the government of Generalissimo Francisco Franco began on February 6 and the latest arrest was made early today, according to the sources.

Most of the arrests were centred in the northern part of the country, though one person was picked up in Barcelona.

All apparently would be charged with engaging in political activities against the government.

Two of the detained, the sources said, were Spaniards who had lived part of their lives in Russia, having been sent there as children during the Spanish civil war. About 1,500 such Spaniards have been repatriated since September 1956.

RUSSIAN-EDUCATED

It was the first time that any of the Russian-educated Spaniards had been picked up for anti-government political activities.

One of the two repatriates was football ace Augustin Gomez, who starred with the Moscow "Dynamo" and

"Torpedo" football teams. He was also a member of Russia's 1952 Olympic selection.

Gomez, 30, was one of 182 Spaniards returned to Spain on January 22, 1957. Since arriving here he had served as coach of the Spanish "Real Iran" professional football club.

Others picked up during the series of arrests included novelist Luis Goytisolo Gay, author of a 1958 prize-winning book, "Las Afueras," ("The Outskirts").

Goytisolo, picked up in Barcelona on February 6, has been brought to Madrid for trial, the sources said. —UPI.

Miners 'stay down' strike continues

Deal, Kent, Feb. 16. More than 100 miners were still underground tonight nearly six days after beginning a "stay down" strike protest against redundancy notices at the Betteshanger colliery near here.

Four hundred men began the strike last Thursday but the number has been reduced to improve underground conditions. Others have returned to the surface for family or health reasons.

Miners from Betteshanger marched to the town hall here and sent a deputation to the Mayor Alderman John Topping.

Mr Topping said he was quite ready to serve with anybody as mediator to solve the problem provided any discussion was in private.

Other Kent miners were considering what action to take over the strike which is in protest against the issue of redundancy notices by the National Coal Board. —Reuters.

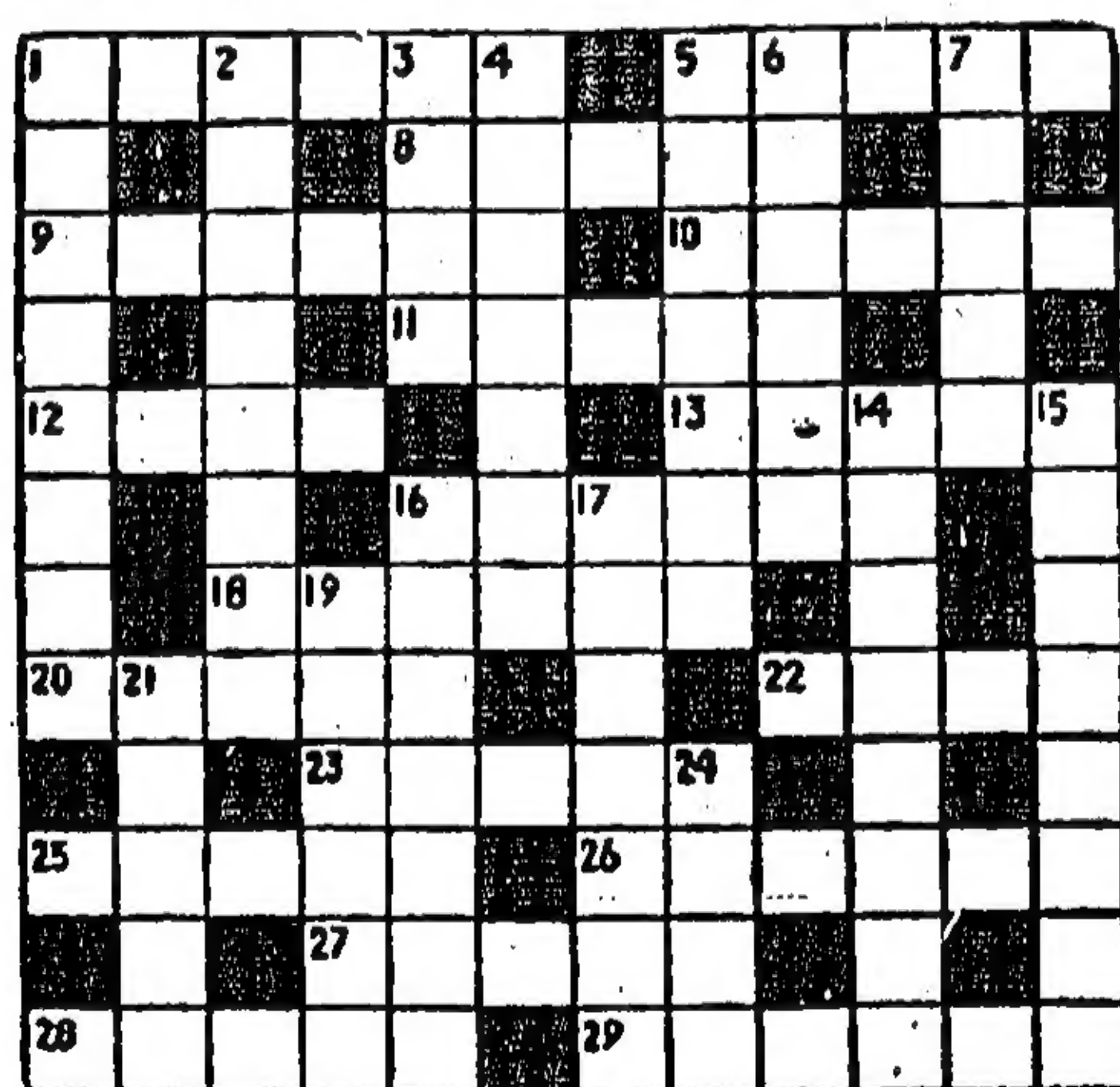
Entry into U.S. via frozen river

Washington, Feb. 16. Representative Frank T. Bow (Republican-Ohio) said yesterday that the St Lawrence Seaway slowed the current of the St Lawrence River so much that it had become frozen at many places, permitting aliens to sneak into the United States by skating across the ice. —UPI.

10 years for \$1.

Baltimore, Feb. 16. James Galloway has the next 10 years in the State penitentiary to brood over a crime which brought him the maximum penalty. The 10-year-old youth was sentenced for stealing one dollar from a hospital porter. —AP.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Endeavour not to give in (6)
5 So to speak (5)
8 The language of paid players? (5)
9 Gown in Italy (6)
10 Bend down to the flagon (5)
11 Hull often has many a one (6)
12 Two way exploit (4)
13 Scene of a plane smash? (5)
16 Does he have a trying time? (6)
18 It's little credit to fish to find themselves in them (6)
20 Doubt (5)
22 S.A.A.? That's just a bit of gammon! (4)
23 A wanderer on land and sea (6)
25 Middle East personage in civvies (5)
26 Sister of Mary (6)
27 Horizontal in both directions (5)
28 Speak with a bit of a stutter (5)
29 Do (6)

DOWN
1 Cures from which a whole army corps expired? (8)
2 There may be several clauses in this judgment (8)
3 A Tottenham good? (4)
4 Learner gets wet weather in startling place (7)
5 Nods, perhaps (7)
6 Seat, fixed on that same startling point (6)
7 Hardly what one would call a drink (5)
14 Gave some stripes, perhaps (8)
16 Article in "Le Monde" is often refreshing (8)
18 One of those dogs of war? (7)
19 Lugged the door (7)
19 Casus belli of an inter-twin scrap (6)
21 Shed for a month — last month (5)
24 Oriental language I lap up (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Mail, 7 Black, 8 O.M., 9 Kilt, 10 Sin-king, 12 Neon, 15 Irons, 18 Kilt, 19 T-shirt, 21 Brags, 22 Peri, 23 Harum, 26 Roof, 29 Parlour, 30 AI-ry, 31 S-car, 33 As-pen, 33 Mild. Down: 1 Slain, 2 Bunking, 4 Allen, 5 Lido, 6 Knot, 9 Irish, 13 Bolt, 14 Not-6, 16 Smeer, 17 Ebor, 18 Kale, 20 Armless, 22 P-ray, 24 April, 25 Dumb-E-S, 27 Eten, 28 Farm.



Makarios hits at statement on Cyprus

Nicosia, Feb. 16. Cyprus President-elect Archbishop Makarios tonight strongly criticized the British Foreign Office statement yesterday that Britain would insist on retaining 120 square miles of Cypriot territory for its bases.

Makarios said the statement constituted "an astonishing disregard by British Colonial Under-Secretary Julian Amery on the exchanges between him and myself," and said it "in no way contributed to finding a solution."

The Archbishop's comments were made after the publication of a joint communiqué stating that current Cyprus talks had been marked by a "constructive spirit." —AP.

Actor Marlon Brando and actress France Nuyen leave a restaurant in downtown Los Angeles' Little Tokyo on February 14 after dining together. Miss Nuyen had been reported to have lost first place in the affections of Brando to actress Barbara Luna. Miss Nuyen recently gave up the title role of "The World of Suzie Wong" and a bad case of laryngitis was given as the reason. It was also rumored that her breakup with Brando was the cause of her losing the part. —AP Wirephoto.

NEGRO, WHITE BOYS BATTLE OVER LUNCH SERVICE

Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 16. More than a hundred Negroes and an unestimated number of whites battled with tyre chains and tools in the car park of a department store today.

One white boy suffered an injured arm, two others had their shirts torn off and others suffered bloody noses.

The fighting broke out after a group of Negro high school students arrived at the department store and found the 45 seats at the lunch counter entirely occupied by white high school students. The counter seats are normally restricted to white people in this southern area of the United States.

The Negroes are seeking the right to sit down at lunch counters. They may now be served standing or refused any service at all. The movement has spread from where it first started in Greensboro, North Carolina, on February 1 to South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia. It has involved 16 cities. —Reuters.

Fined for speeding

New York, Feb. 16. The 19-year-old nephew of the Shah of Iran, Charam Pahlavi, was charged with speeding, driving without licence, and minus a registration certificate.

He originally claimed diplomatic immunity but investigation disclosed he has only a student's visa and is not entitled to immunity. He is at Harvard.

Judge Haven Parker fined Pahlavi \$20 today. Pahlavi's mother is the Shah's twin sister. —AP.

Boy's detailed record of death by gas

A 16-year-old high school junior — discouraged with life — kept a detailed log of his reactions to gas inhalation as he awaited death.

The victim was Martin Brewer of Peoria, Illinois. His younger brother, John, 14, found the body in the gas-filled kitchen of the Brewer home about 30 minutes after the final entry in the log had been timed off yesterday.

Police said it appeared Martin first tried to kill himself by opening all the jets on the gas stove. They said he apparently became impatient later and crushed his head in a plastic bag to which he hooked up a hose leading from a gas outlet to hurry the death process.

The log, written on a sheet of notepaper, was just beside the body. It read:

"For all doctors I will describe the effects of gas inhalation as best I can. I hope my notes may contribute in some way to medical science."

9:35 a.m. here goes. Hope no spark sets this off.

9:37 can't smell gas anymore. Shaky. May be nervousness.

9:40 went to shut off electricity. Should have done that first.

9:41 I think I shall lay my head down and sleep. Gas has no effect yet.

9:46 uncrowded telephone. 9:49 taking deep breath but no effect. Seems to be a pain in my lungs. May be imagination.

9:55 no effect. What the hell, I hope there are no convulsions.

9:57 going to eat grape-fruit. Hungry.

9:58 throat feels dry. Gas effect?

10:04 throat feels drier.

10:46 dizziness. Trying new method. (Police said they believe it was at this point that Brewer employed the plastic bag and hose.)

11:10 dizzy. New method working. Gas leaves bad taste in mouth. Passed out once. Got hiccup.

11:45 Why can't I die. Am trying. Last time I got incoherent. Strange ringing. Also I yelled out. Yelling in funny voice. High pitched. Here the log ended.

Police said the youth left notes to his brother, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brewer, and a girl friend, but none gave a motive for the suicide. —AP.

ROYAL CASTLE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Forfar, Feb. 16. A wing of Glamis Castle, childhood home of the Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret, caught fire today.

Five fire engines fought the fire in the unoccupied northeast wing of the Castle near here.

The owner, the Earl of Strathmore, a cousin of the Queen, stood on the lawns with his wife as firemen fought to contain the fire.

A fire brigade spokesman said at least six rooms were affected. The flames were checked before they reached the roof but the interior was badly damaged. Some furniture was stored there.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

The Queen and Princess Margaret spent many hours as children exploring the rooms and passages. —Reuters.

Ike on Middle East policy

Washington, Feb. 17. President Eisenhower said today his Middle East resolution of 1957 continues to give rewards in reduced tensions and conflict in that area.

In a report submitted to the U.S. Congress, he said that the movement of troops into Lebanon in 1958 "has had a salutary effect in impressing the peoples of the Middle East and elsewhere that the United States is a tried and true friend of nations seeking to preserve their independence and integrity." —AP.

Police blamed

Westerly, R.I., Feb. 16. "Local police are to blame if my automobile fails to pass the highway safety inspection test," says George H. Utter. "They have placed so many overtime parking tickets on my car, they've broken the windshield wiper," he explains. —AP.

Two children relate movements of man accused of murder

Boston, Feb. 16. An apple figured prominently today in the fifth day's trial of radio operator Willem Van Rie charged with the slaying of pretty 23-year-old Lynn Kauffman on the Dutch freighter Utrecht on the night of September 18, last year.

Two witnesses agreed they saw Van Rie take an apple from a fruit bowl as he left the ship's dining saloon on the fateful night. An apple was found in Miss Kauffman's cabin by police in New York the following day.

One of the witnesses was 12-year-old Stephanie Spector, daughter of Dr. Stanley Spector, the research professor for whom Miss Kauffman worked in Singapore. The other was Lee Yew-kah, a 15-year-old Chinese boy the Spector family was bringing to America from Singapore.

Both children admitted to hero worshipping the handsome defendant on the 44-day trip from Singapore to Boston. They told the all-male jury of his movements on the night before Miss Kauffman's semi-nude body was found washed ashore on a desolate island in Boston harbour.

EVERY MOVEMENT

They seem to have followed his every movement from the time they sat down to dinner with him, until—as Stephanie related—it—he was seen hurrying up the stairs leading to the bridge deck.

Although under cross-examination by the defence attorney, Stephanie admitted she had only caught a glimpse of a man's legs, she insisted they belonged to "Sparks," traditional nautical appellation for radio officers.

Both children followed Van Rie from the dining saloon to the ship's lounge, they said, but then lost track of him as he left with an apple in his hand.

Capt. A. S. De Bruijn was today's final witness in Van Rie's trial.

He also testified that Van Rie failed to provide the weather report that the radio operator was supposed to handle in advance of the ship's sailing from Boston that night at 6:17 p.m.

Earlier, Van Rie was quoted in other court testimony as warning the lovely Miss Kauffman, "You give me naughty ideas."

The remark was attributed to the 31-year-old Van Rie by Mrs. Juanita Spector and other witnesses. They said it occurred at a gay shipboard party.

Mrs. Spector and Miss Kauffman were travelling companions. —AP & AP.

U.S. freighter arrested in Egypt

Port Said, Feb. 16. The American freighter Vallant Faith (7,247 tons) was arrested here today following the issue of a writ by an Egyptian shipping company claiming about \$12,800 on behalf of the Societe Algerienne De Petroles, Algiers.

The case is due to come before a Port Said court on March 7.

Meanwhile, another American freighter, the Rockland (7,238 tons) arrested for alleged debts on January 25, was released today after paying \$11,250. —Reuters.

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**BIBLE THOUGHT
FOR TODAY**

Commune with thine own
heart upon thy bed, and be
still.—Psalms 4:4.

Press-Radio Bible Service,
Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio.

PEOPLE in the news

William Douglas Home, most persistent of all playwrights

By RICHARD BERRY

Never in the history of the English stage has a theatrical lady been more gallantly defended than Aunt Edwina.

Mercifully shot down by the critics on the night of November 3, 1950, she was not expected to survive the week. Yet three months later there is evidence that she may be alive and kicking still.

Credit for this remarkable survival must go almost entirely to the Hon. William Douglas Home, most persistent of all playwrights, who brought Aunt Edwina into the world and presented her on the stage of the West End's Fortune Theatre.

Few people cared for his favourite aunt—a fox-hunting colonel with the D.S.O. and two bars who embarrasses his family by charging into a woman.

Mr Douglas Home has since devoted his time making people care.

Distressed by the reviews, Home talked about the play to his father-in-law, Viscount Hampden. Father-in-law thought Auntie deserved better treatment and the author resolved to fight for her life.

Every night after curtain fall he went on stage and appealed to the audience to ignore the critics and judge Aunt Edwina for themselves. He wrote to newspapers and attacked critics for "night-bitchery."

He also sold his 1954 Bentley for £1,500 and appeared before the High Court to obtain an interim injunction restraining Edwina's "angel" from closing the play.

TURNED DOWN £20,000
But the axe descended just the same. After a highly disturbed two months' run, and after losing about £2,000 of the author's own money, Aunt Edwina made her final curtsy at the 473-seater Fortune Theatre.

Undeclared, Mr Home managed to find her a temporary residence at the 800-seater Lyric Theatre. She finished her run there on February 6—the day after the 100th performance.

But determined Mr Home will not be contented on reaching an unexpected century. Nor will he be defeated by the departure of Henry Kendall, who is giving up the title role for a few weeks to direct another play.

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FILMS AND NIGHT SPOTS

FILMS
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Tempest," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Van Heflin, Geoffrey Home.
HOVEY & GAI: "The Rickshaw Man" (Part 2) starring Japanese film with English subtitles.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "At 2.30 & 3.30 p.m." "South Pacific" in Todd-AO, starring Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor, John Kerr and France Nuyen.

LEE: "Carry On Nurse" starring Shirley Eaton, Kenneth Connor and Charles Hawtrey.

ASTOR: "Magic Lotus Lantern" a Chinese classical dance film.
ROYAL: Walt Disney's "Sleeping Beauty" starring Mary Costa.

STATE: "A Summer Place" starring Brenda De.
RITZ: "Some Like It Hot" starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.

MAJESTIC: "Al Capone" starring Rod Taylor and George E. Stone.

CAIRO: "Tamara" (Japanese film with English and Chinese subtitles).
PARAMOUNT: "Thou Shalt Not Be Jealous" (Japanese film with English subtitles).

The entire week's radio and television programmes are published in detail in a special, free, lift-out supplement in Saturday's China Mail. It comes in a specially detachable self-contained sheet and it is one of the many high-light features of the weekend edition of the China Mail.

£20,000 offer to write a film script of Lolita.

One also suspects that he instinctively puts up a stubborn fight when principles are at stake. He has campaigned for prison reform and the abolition of capital punishment. He has attacked the Government over Suez and Cyprus. He was condemning the atom bomb even before VJ Day.

He has fought unsuccessfully as a Liberal Parliamentary candidate.

William Douglas Home was born 47 years ago, one of four sons of the 13th Earl of Home (announced Home). One of his ancestors was Scottish Ambassador to England in the 15th century; another led the van at Flodden (Mr Home has written a play about the battle).

The four brothers have all distinguished themselves in their different spheres. The eldest, Alexander Frederick, now the 14th Earl, is Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

William Douglas Home has a habit of counting to his relatives and friends, of entreating them on the stage. In "The Children Hundreds," for instance, the 13th Earl and the family butler, Collingwood, were lovingly dis-

usually in his plays he takes a magnifying glass to people he knows well—duchesses, peers, ambassadors, debutantes, M.P.s, and so on. He is especially in-variably submits his plays in manuscripts to his eldest brother for criticisms.

NOBLE CRITIC
"He doesn't always take any notice," says the Earl wistfully, "but the plays are generally better when he does."

Mr Home's pretty, fair-haired wife, Rachel, also studies his manuscripts in between her housework and chores as a mother of three small children. "My life revolves round the plays," she says. "I live with the characters while William creates them."

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Mountain grave
A REFERENCE to the Orkney, the great Thistle mountain, recalled to me a moving inscription I saw in that part of the world when I was walking near Traill, it said:

"Here lies" (I forget the name) "Auld eleven. Though small, he hurried to God with the steps of a giant."

Suet on the war-path
THE idea of segregating pedestrians from motor traffic is gaining ground. Charlie Suet has prepared a scheme for pedestrian parking areas. During the hours of the heaviest traffic wardens would park pedestrians in order to free the roads for motor cars. Only releasing them in alphabetical order when the police had reported that it seemed to be comparatively safe for a small body of them to move about.

Things to come
THE motor industry is alarmed by the possibility that very many sensible people, faced with a choice between drink and driving, will choose drink. But I warrant there will soon be bills to counteract drink in the bloodstream, beer which will give the breath the aroma of a roadhouse, and whiskey with a scent of honky-tonk.

—(London Economics Service).

CROSSWORD

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British newsletter from Peter Burgoyne

The railways issue is far from over

London (By Airmail).
By the time you read this you should know whether or not the great railway strike has been averted.

The enormity of the possible paralysis of the British railway system is hard to imagine for anyone who does not know how much Britain relies on its railways.

Since the first primitive locomotive sputtered from Stockton to Darlington in 1825 the intense economic life of these islands has been built around the railway system.

Over 17,000 locomotives haul freight and passengers over 51,000 miles of rail track. Nearly 50 million ton-miles of freight daily. About 2½ million commuters alone every day.

Just this region, the Southern, carries annually roughly the same number of passengers as all the Class 1 railways of the U.S.A.

These 355,000 are the railway-workers who are threatening to strike. Because the others can not work without them, their withdrawal of labour would mean a shutdown of British railways and of London's vital Underground system.

The recent token half-strike by Underground crews all but paralysed London. And that was only a taste of what may well be to come.

Why are the railmen threatening the nation with chaos? Simply because they want more money. They all want it. Not just the NUR men. The vital fact is that the NUR men want money here and now, a substantial interim payment to tide them over until an official pay review committee—appointed more than a year ago—makes its recommendations.

The other two unions want to wait for the committee report. The reason for this difference of approach is the key to the whole recent situation.

Both sides know that the review committee is bound to recommend wage increases. But there is only a certain amount of money available for this purpose. Both sides strongly suspect that the biggest increases will go to the footplate men (drivers and firemen) and to the white-collar workers who, by and large, are more badly underpaid than the mass of workers who make up the NUR.

Therefore the footplate men and the white-collar workers feel that it is in their interest to wait. And the NUR men believe they will do better by forcing payment before the report appears.

If the British Transport Commission give in to the NUR there is every chance of another grave strike threat later from the other two unions who will feel that their money has been used to buy out the NUR.

But whatever course is taken, the inescapable fact remains that sooner or later the whole question of government financing of the railways will have to be drastically re-thought.

★ ★ ★
Meat for the cartoonists was the fact that as the nation girded itself for transport chaos, the stable lads (the term has no reference to age) and apprentice jockeys at Newmarket, heart of British horse-racing, struck for higher wages and better working conditions.

At Epsom and Lambourn in Berkshire, stable lads threatened to join the strike if they did not get the terms being sought by their counterparts in Newmarket.

It was a curious strike with sympathy all round. Sympathy with the stable lads who work hard for long hours and are anything but well paid. Sympathy with their employers, the trainers, who make little profit out of their stables and would lose customers if they upped their prices. Sympathy with the horses deprived of much of their regular exercise.

Happily, embarrassed "lads" and trainers at Newmarket reached a solution at week's end.

★ ★ ★
Before British Railways fell under the shadow of imminent shut-down, a campaign had been launched to spruce up the various services.

Rapidly, railway officials learned that you can try too hard.

In bustling Derby, a ticket collector explained: "People have come to rely on trains being late. Now many are leaving on time and we get people dashing through the

barrier at the last minute and returning to complain that they've missed their train. When we explain politely that the train left on time they become abusive."

★ ★ ★
We're all being bitten by the respectability bug these days.

Take commercial travellers, for instance. I'd always thought of them as vaguely raffish types, chapmen of the Middle Ages, contra characters of countless dubious stories which begin, "There was this commercial traveller..."

Commercial travellers don't like it. This week the BBC staged a television play about them and earned a nasty rap on the knuckles from the general secretary of the United Commercial Travellers' Association.

Objection was taken to the principal character, who, the UCTA complained, "gave the impression of being indifferent in his dress and habits and that is far removed from the typical commercial traveller."

My apologies for having thought otherwise.

The National Union of Railwaymen called off the national railway strike on February 12 after accepting a five per cent pay rise offered by government.

★ ★ ★
The latest times for posting abroad letters are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
By Air
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, FJI, 3 p.m.
Ceylon, 3 p.m.
North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.
India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Costa Rica, Chile parcels direct, 2 p.m.
U.S. & W. Africa (Ghana parcels direct), 3 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Thailand, India, 5 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Ceylon, Noon.
Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon.
Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Okinawa, Korea, 3 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Sarawak, North Borneo, Noon.
Philippines, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii (Cristobal C.Z. Venezuela, Netherlands, Antilles, Trinidad parcels direct), 2 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Hawaii, U.S.A., 8 a.m.
Vietnam, Pakistan, France, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Noon.
Cambodia, Noon.
Middle East, Africa, Aden, Great Britain, Europe, Noon.
Japan, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Dutch New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, FJI, 3 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.
Laos, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Malaya, Aden, Egypt, Great Britain & Europe, Ceylon parcels via Port Said, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Canada, Noon.
Malaya, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Fiji parcels direct, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Australia, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Italy, France, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium (Switzerland via Geneva), Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Thailand, Portuguese India parcels direct), 3 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
W. Africa (Ghana parcels direct), Noon.
Burma, India, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Jamaica (Cristobal C.Z., Venezuela, Netherlands, Antilles, Cuba parcels direct), 3 p.m.
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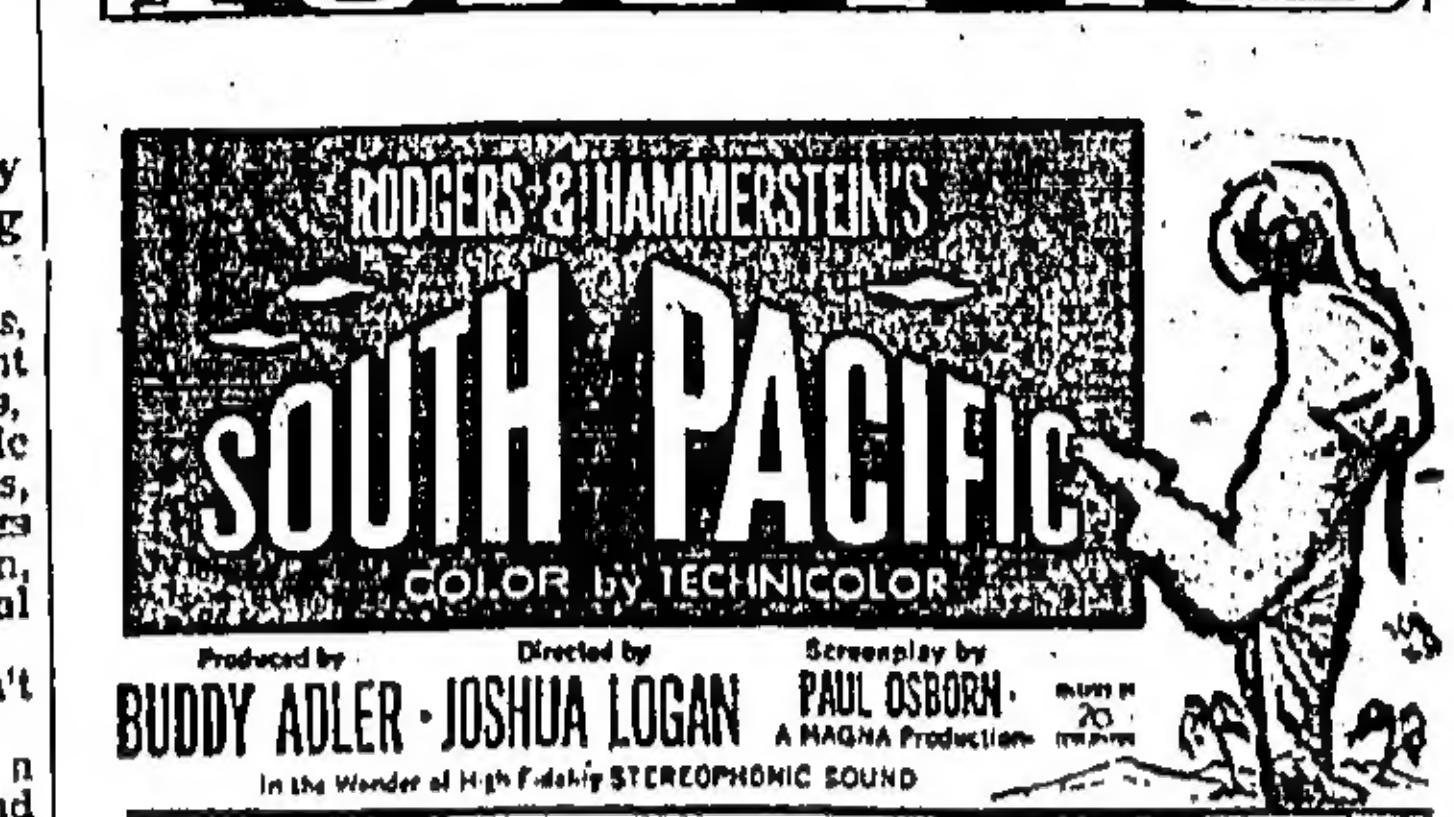
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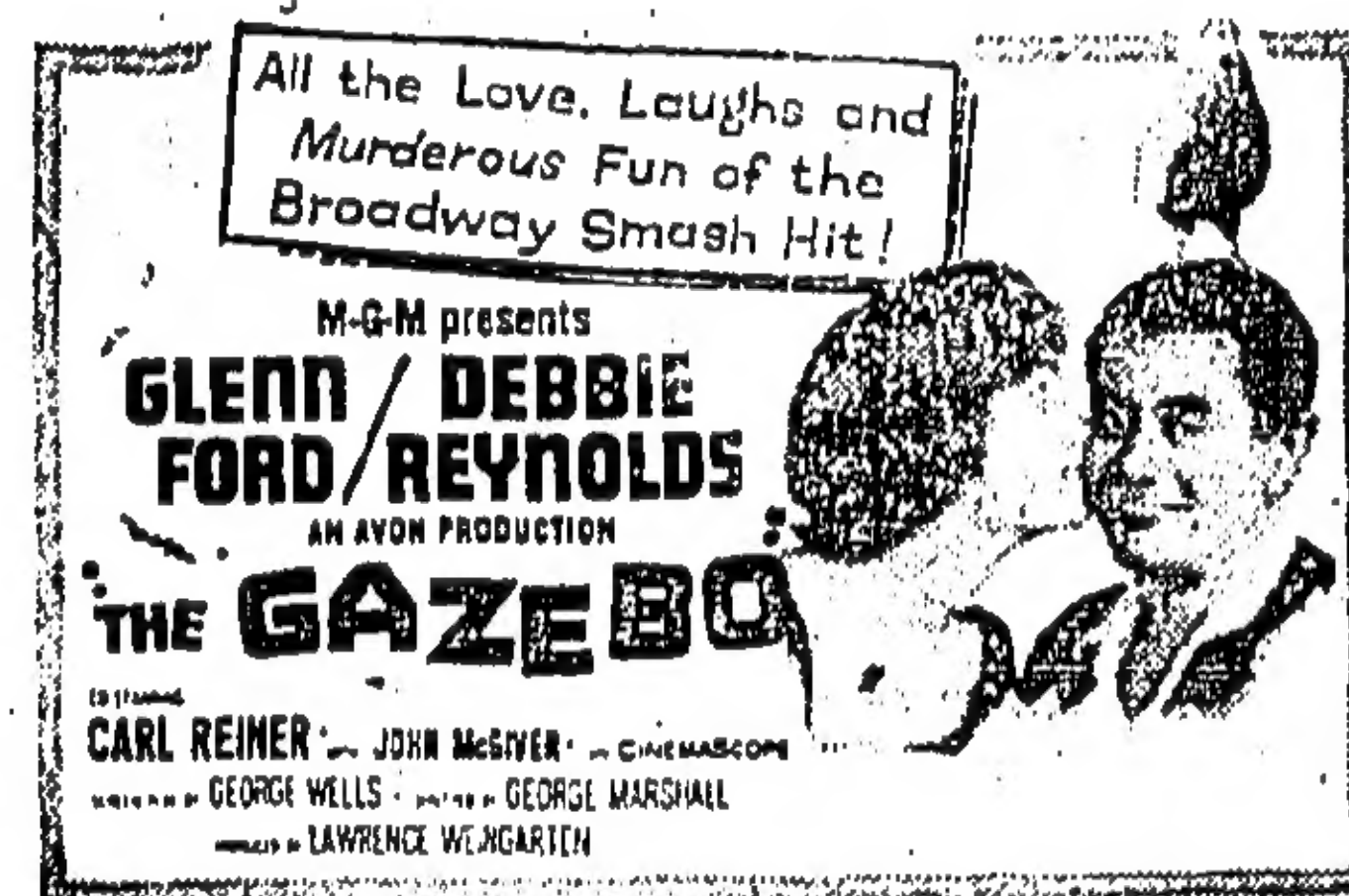
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The Mirror praises Mac**AFRICAN TOUR SUCCESS**

Mr. Macmillan

London, Feb. 16.
The mass circulation Daily Mirror today warmly praised Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister who returned to London yesterday from his African tour, for his courage and attitude to racial segregation in South Africa.

In a front-page letter addressed to Mr. Macmillan, this left-wing newspaper declared:

"You did a wonderful job in Africa—particularly with your fine speech denouncing the race policies of the South African Government."

"That speech needed personal courage. And you have personal courage."

Pleasure

The Yorkshire Post expressed pleasure and enthusiasm at what Mr. Macmillan had done during his tour.

"There is nothing transient about his work in Africa," this Conservative daily commented. "He has stabilised and strengthened British policy throughout the continent, and added authority to its earnestness and its integrity."

"Britain bears a great and continuing responsibility in Africa. The course has been set: To deviate from it would be to break every solemn pledge..."—China Mail Special

Crown still preparing case

Mr. Donald Chung and Mr. H. C. Ho of Peter Mo and Co., appearing for the two defendants facing various counts of conspiring to bribe a district officer and conspiring to forge, this morning objected to Crown Counsel's application for a further week's remand of the case.

Mr. K. A. S. Phillips, Central magistrate, overruled their objection, and said, "After looking at the charge sheets, it does not seem that the Crown has been overzealous in preparing the case."

The defendants are Abdul Aziz Rumi, 56, and Ho Hui-po, 29. Defendants are alleged to have conspired together on or about September 30 to bribe Hillary Duppa Miller, District Officer, New Territories.

Administration, to write a letter showing that certain agricultural land at District Demarcation 440 N.T. was available for conversion to industrial land.

They are also alleged to have conspired together on September 30 to forge a letter purporting to be issued by Mr. Miller.

Rumi also faces five other counts of corruptly offering Mr. Miller between August 8 and December 12, a total of \$210,000, being the profit on the sale of land owned by Mayer Suk Mills (HK) Ltd in the New Territories.

Ho is further alleged to have obtained \$50,000 from Mr. Wong Po-on, a director of T. O. Wong and Co. Ltd, between October 20 and 30.

Another charge against Ho is that he, on October 29, with intent to deceive, uttered to Mr. Wong, a forged letter purporting to have been written by Mr. Miller.

Boy given \$5 from poor box

Mr. D. Benson at Central Juvenile Court this morning gave \$5 from the poor box to a 12-year-old boy after he had cautioned him for unlawful possession.

The boy, who had only 15 cents with him, told Mr. Benson that his parents were dead and that he slept in the street.

He said he supported himself by poster sticking and dish washing for some cooked food stall.

He was arrested by police while carrying a few pieces of scrap iron which he found in a rubbish dump.

Darts for export

Brighton, Feb. 16.
Special dartboards designed to popularise Britain's national "public house sport" in China, Israel, India and the Sudan, were on show at the seventh British Toy Fair, which opened here yesterday.

The dartboards are specially marked and have instructions in the language of the country concerned.

As a result of the formation of European trading groups toys from West Germany, Austria, Denmark, Italy, France and Poland are on show for the first time.

SPRING SWING

To cater for children who prefer to swing up and down instead of to and fro there is "perpendicular spring swing."

This is claimed will keep a child between one and three years old amused for hours without any effort by his parents.

Buyers from more than 16 countries are expected to visit the fair before it closes on Friday.—China Mail Special.

FRUIT IMPORTS RISE

London, Feb. 16.
British imports of fresh fruit rose by 11 per cent to a post-war record of 1,200,000 tons last year, the Commonwealth Economic Committee reported in a survey published today.

The increase was registered chiefly in citrus fruit and bananas. At 337,000 tons, the banana import total was the highest on record.

Citrus imports totalled 492,000 tons, the highest since 1953 but still well under the prewar average of 655,000 tons.

All in all, imports from foreign sources increased to a greater extent than those from Commonwealth members. The Commonwealth share of the total fell from 57 per cent in 1958 to 53 per cent last year.—China Mail Special.

American visitors to Europe

London, Feb. 16.
The number of American visitors to Europe, nearly 700,000 last year, may well be doubled in the next five years according to a study carried out by the European Travel Commission.

The Commission's report, published here today, said that according to its investigations the present American market for European travel falls well below its potential.

It believed that some 12,000,000 people in the United States could be interested in a European trip.—China Mail Special.

Truck drivers in revolt

Sydney, Feb. 16.
It was hot today in the busy industrial suburb of Mascot and tempers, never completely at ease in the swirling early morning traffic, frayed rapidly when council employees sealed off two busy roads to lay stormwater drains.

Motorists argued hotly with council employees who directed traffic back on to the main arterial road.

Truffle piled up and horns blared.

Then a lorry driver crunched his engine into gear, rolled forward and knocked down a barrier to drive into one of the blocked off streets.

More followed

Another drove over an eight-inch high concrete island in the roadway and along a fence to deliver his load at a factory.

More followed, breaking up sections of concrete on footpaths and making foot-deep imprints in turf edgings.

Barriers blocking one of the streets were removed after two hours when police had helped sort out the traffic tangle.

The council surrendered and confined excavations to a 60-yard strip of road.—China Mail Special.

London, Feb. 16.
Four Merchant Navy masters of the Clan Line, including the commander, have retired before the normal retiring age because of "strain in two world wars."

They are Captain A. J. Hogg, the commodore, aged 62, Captain J. McCrone, aged 62, Captain A. V. Gordon, aged 62, and Captain W. W. Simpson, aged 61.—China Mail Special.



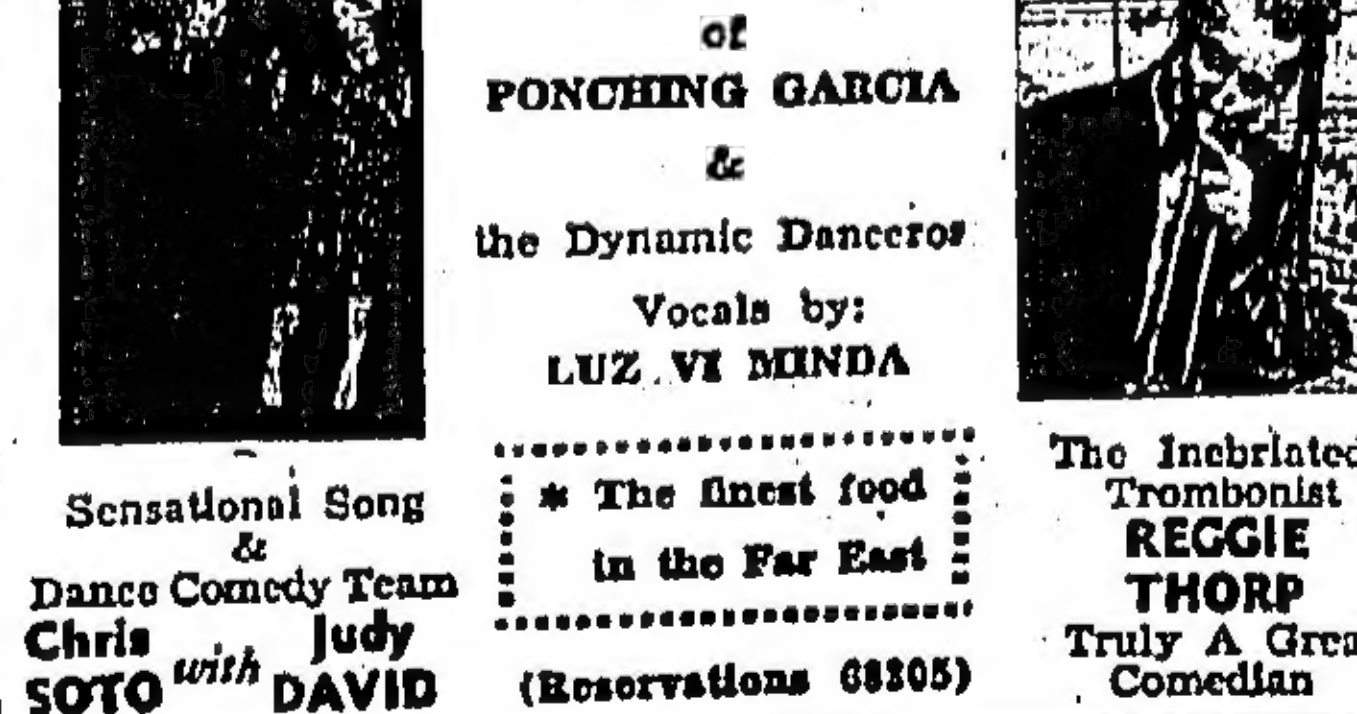
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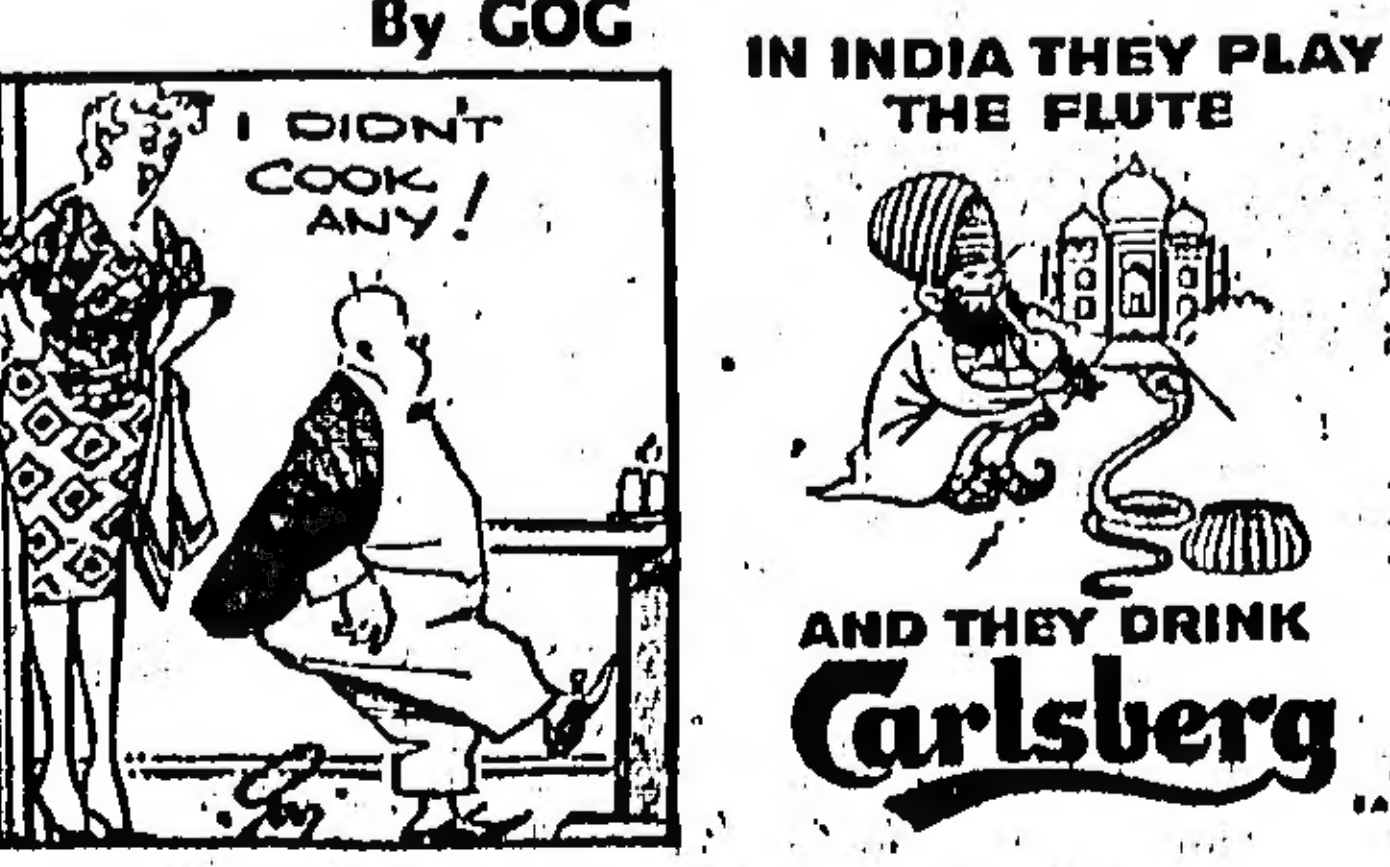
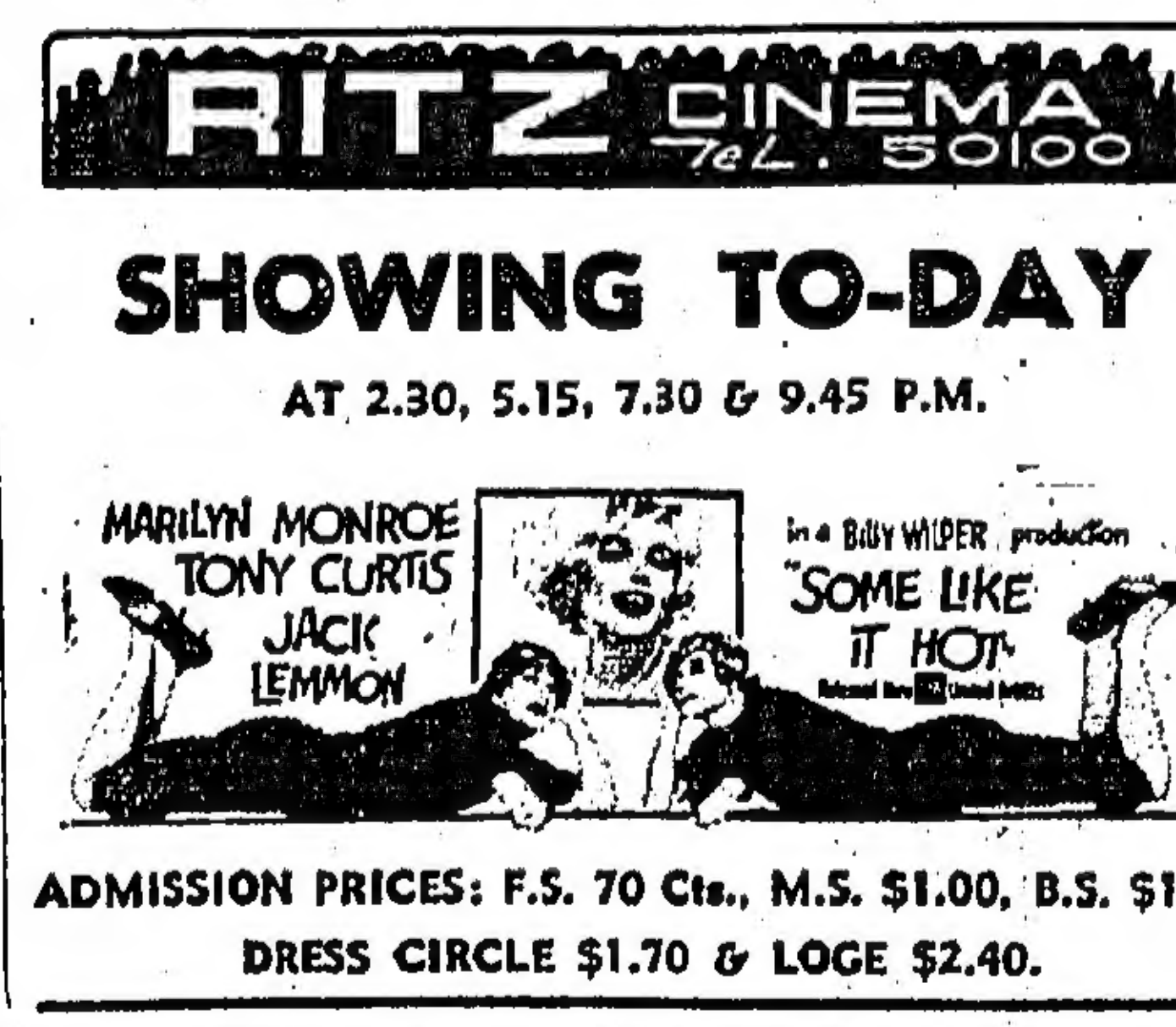
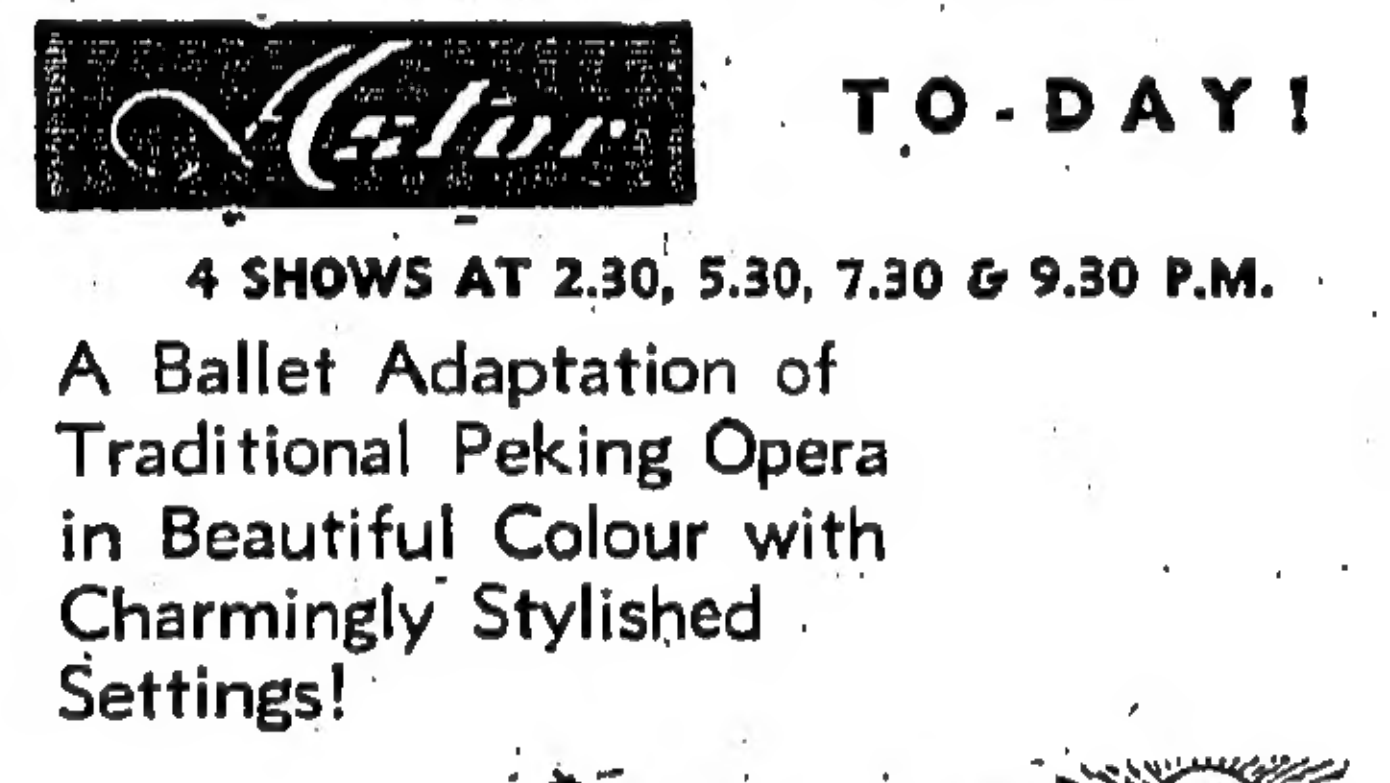
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POP—Having his Chips

THE SCUM OF ENGLAND

ON May 2, 1862, Mr William Quin took over the command of the Hongkong Police Force. As his immediate assistant, he had James Jarman, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

It would be nice to say that he improved upon the work of Charles May, and erected a fine force upon the foundations constructed by May—but nothing would be farther from the truth.

William Quin was a failure. It is of course, all very well to criticise a man long after his office is laid down, but the facts stick out a mile. Quin failed because he was absolutely unable to appreciate the forces he was up against—cunning and audacity of a quality unknown in the English Police; and corruption on a colossal scale among his own men.

The population of the Colony had risen to 120,000 by this time, and Kowloon had been added to the Island of Hongkong. The Chinese villagers on the mainland celebrated this event by waging, among themselves, a bitter and bloody battle, the Hakka settlers and the local Cantonese being the main division between the belligerents. Shamshuipo was the hidden stronghold, and the spare-time warriors menaced such villages as Yau-mai, and small settlements as far as Kowloon City.

Swindle

The Police were helpless before the very size of the "war", and left the scoundrels to knock one another about. On top of this campaign came one of the Colony's outstanding swindles which deserves to take its place in the annals of Hongkong's rogues.

An Indian merchant and an Englishman in charge of the opium receiving ship, "Prophet", contrived a little game in which the merchant pretended to have huge stocks of opium stored upon the ship, and the Englishman, entering wholeheartedly into the game, issued certificates to the effect that the merchant did have huge stocks of opium. The next thing was to find a bank, so they chose the Chartered Mercantile Bank, and one or two smaller affairs. So with this opium, "as good as money", the banks advanced credit to the sum of \$2,000,000, happily shared by the crooks.

With this increase in crime, the Governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, announced the proposed building of two new police stations, one at Central and the other across at Kowloon.

Bribes

The criminal classes, as if to enter the spirit of the thing, stepped up their activities also. Besides the trifling affairs so common to Hongkong at the time—such as waylaying people in the street—they raided the Signal Station on the Peak and shot down a policeman in Wanchai. So bold did the criminals become that they raided in organised parties, two such raids being the Artillery Barracks and the godowns of Messrs. Holiday, Wise, & Co.

An adverse report was made on both Captain Superintendent Quin and A.S.P. Jarman in the spring of 1864. The chief complaints being that they were unable to fashion a force from the men under them. That is one way of putting it. The truth of the complaints was the rank and file of the Police were receiving bribes on a scale never imagined before. And the truth of the matter is the men of the force were working hand in glove with the criminal classes.

Then followed the cleverest robbery the Colony has ever known.

In improving the sanitation of the Colony, the P.W.D. dug drains that took all the refuse of central Victoria into the sea. Perhaps it was merely observation, but it could have been information, but at any rate the "Drain Gang", as they were afterwards known, discovered that a lovely new wide drain ran near the vaults of the Central Bank of Western India. The robbers, wise unto the ways of Englishmen, and know-

The HONGKONG POLICE By John Luff

ing all about the long weekend, time a right. Between Saturday evening of February 4, 1865 and the following Monday morning, the Bank of Western India was robbed of \$115,000 in notes, and silver and gold bullion.

The menace

So crime piled up, and Quin was left helpless, not knowing what to do about it. So bad did it become that the Chinese community held a protest meeting, but at the same time informed Government that a few hundred or so bad hats intended to sweep down from Canton and raid Hongkong during the Chinese New Year Holidays. This led to Registration Ordinance No. 7 of 1865, which authorised the formation of "District Watchmen".

Thirty years later, these watchmen were placed on regular Police beats under the control of police inspectors and sergeants.

The gambling houses were the menace of this period. Not only because gambling was carried on, but that the houses became the headquarters of the criminal classes, and much crime was plotted under cover there.

The new Governor, Richard Graves Macdonnell decided to bring the gambling dens into the open by licensing them. The police were revealed by this move, and it was pointed out at the time that such a plan could succeed only if a different type, and better paid, police officers were available. As a matter of fact, the plan failed because it was defeated by increased bribes and the intimidation of the weaker elements in the Force.

The Governor carried out a minor purge of the Force. Scotsmen took the place of Englishmen, and in 1865, the first batch of Punjab Sikhs took over from the Bombay constables. Judging from police records alone, to say nothing of the reports in contemporary newspapers, things were neither better nor worse under Captain Quin during the early years of his holding office.

Daylight

Maybe, this was just the criminal classes holding back until they had the measure of their man. Then, during the early hours of June 15, 1866, the wife and two-year-old child of a German shipwright named Mayer, were murdered in the hull of an old ship in which they had made a home.

The motive was robbery, and one, Wong Qui Fook was the murderer. He was taken in his native village, brought back to Hongkong, tried and subsequently hanged in public before an entirely unemotional crowd.

During the same year, the pirates became bolder, so sentences were stiffened.

Three pirates were executed in public, but if this put the fear of hell into any pirates swimming into Hongkong, it is not noticeable from the reports. So bold had the criminal classes become that open attacks in broad daylight were made upon the victims.

In Hollywood Road, a footpad named Wong Ah-tow attacked another Chinese, beat him up and robbed him there and then. Wong was taken, and Government sent him to make the punishment fit the crime.

Wong was made to parade along the street of his crime with a board strapped to him telling the nature of his vicious deed. He was shaved bare, and in his hand he carried the whip with which he would be flogged.

When he reached the scene of his crime, he was tied to a lamp post and flogged on the spot. They gave him thirty lashes as the first instalment of his punishment.

Flogging

Now it cannot be said with truth that the Chinese did not appreciate all this.

They watched with close scrutiny. They enjoyed hearing the wily Wong shout. But as a deterrent, the flogging was useless. To those who watched, the flogging meant this lesson—Things will not be brought to a hopeless mess. It is easy to criticise Quin from the distance of years. The truth is, the Oriental criminal presented a method and form of crime absolutely beyond the ken of the unimaginative Quin.

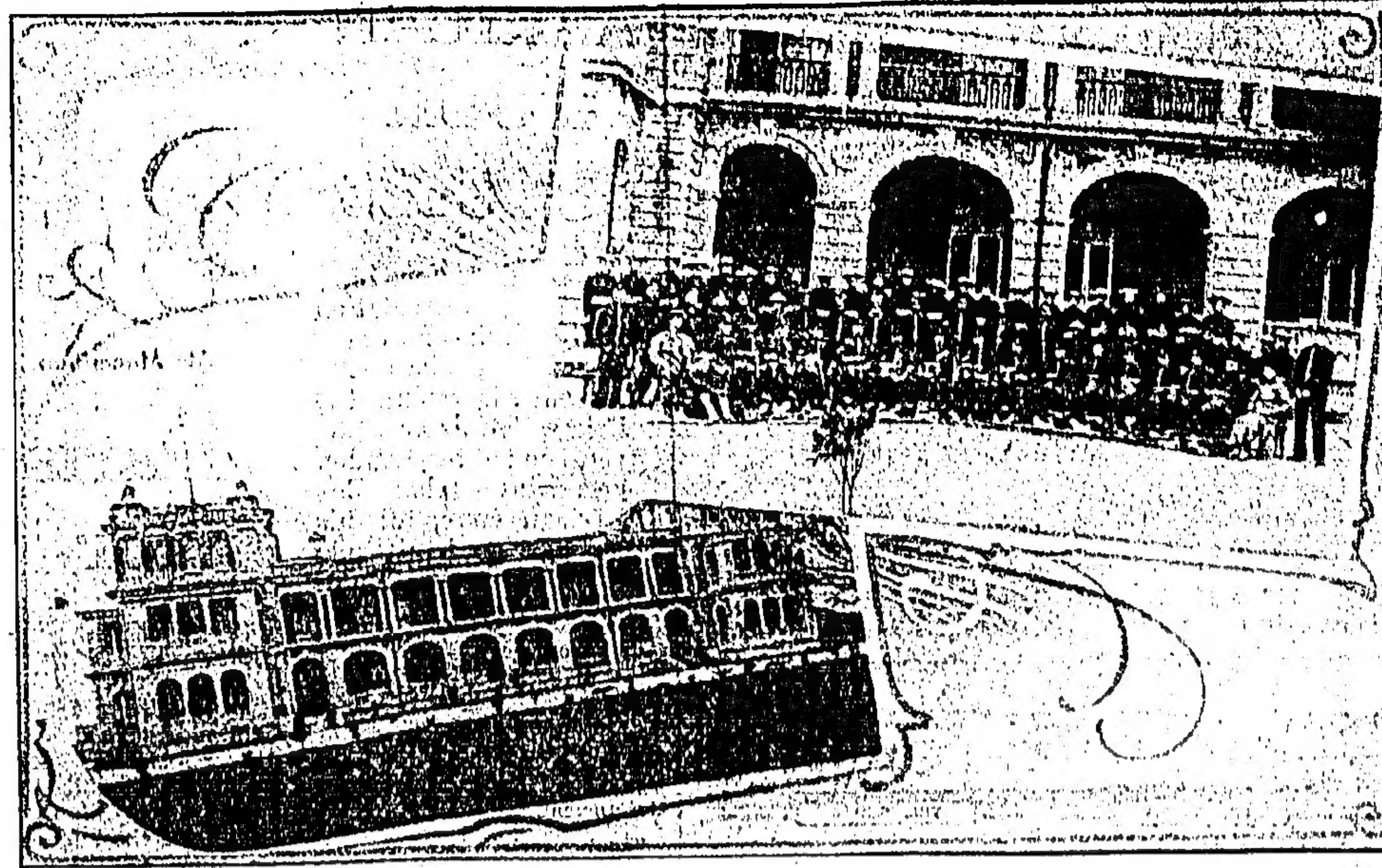
On January 23, 1867, a huge identification parade of banished was held. The idea being that the police should recognise these criminals. Why they needed such a parade I do not know—for these criminals were all branded with an arrow on the left ear.

The truth!

Probably, Quin had called the parade as a desperate measure to put himself right with authority. The Governor put it quite kindly. Sir Richard Macdonnell simply said that he did not think it advisable that Mr. Quin should return to the Colony. He added out of Quin's hearing that the latter had little and imperfect control over the police.

That, unfortunately, was nothing but the truth. These who had spent some years in the Force, had learnt the language, and had acquired some knowledge of Chinese criminal proceedings, applied this knowledge in self-interest and gain, and the unimaginative Chief of Police was beaten before he placed his feet on Hongkong's waterfront.

Walter Meredith Donne was gazetted Captain Superintendent of Police following the retirement of Mr William Quin. But the outstanding appointment of this period seems to the present writer, that of Mr Giles Vane-dale-Creagh who had been an Assistant District Superintendent



The Kowloon Water Police in 1906 — and their barracks.

in the Punjab Police. He was appointed Deputy Superintendent of Police on his arrival in this Colony.

Before going on with the work carried out by these two officers, I would like to tell of a strange case that arose at this time. Strange rumours were filtering into Victoria from Aberdeen. They told the most extraordinary story of a white footpad who was living in a cave in the hills above Aberdeen.

From all accounts, he was a nasty piece of work. Arming himself with a club, he used to descend from his cave, and indulged in a one-man raping and looting expedition.

The Military and Police carried out a search of the hills, and arrested Thomas Banbury, a deserter from the 20th Regiment. He had a shocking record of a long running brute. Yet he was sufficiently intelligent to furnish his cave quite well and had it wonderfully stocked with provisions.

Once he was taken, the police were overwhelmed with evidence offered by the local Chinese, especially the village watchmen.

Unpleasant

So Banbury, at 28 years of age went up to the Supreme Court. But on the day of his trial, not one of the witnesses came forward, so Banbury had to be discharged by proclamation.

Banbury soon turned to his old ways, and settled in the hills at about the site of the present Bowen Road just above Wanchai. A few Chinese men, fed up with this brigand who threatened their homes and women, went in search of Banbury, and gave him a lively beating up.

Eventually, an Indian constable took Banbury unawares and brought him down the hillside.

To show you what an unpleasant character he was, the centred on the house in which they live.

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second case against him included the charge of rape of an old Chinese woman of 60, and a young Chinese girl of 14 years. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

Now the very problem which faced the two new Police Officers were those which render a Police Force absolutely useless. In a few straight words, the Force, in the main, was absolutely corrupt.

The scum

It is very difficult for the modern reader to appreciate the situation, more especially when the terminology of that time rings discordantly in our ears. While these men who were recruited to the Police Force were not those men described by the Duke of Wellington as "the scum of the earth," they were the sons of those men so described.

It seems an awful thing to say of men, but it was the truth. Those men were the scum of England, and proud of it in their own perverse fashion.

The wars of those days were fought in squares, a man's moral courage drawn from the fact that his shoulders touched those of his neighbours. His action was volley and then bayonet. It took courage to stand firm against a charge of cavalry, but the British Square was famous from Waterloo to Asia.

It was brute courage, and white-hot rage in the charge. These men who did the nation's fighting were outside, beyond, away from the ethics which governed the affluent and polite society they protected.

They were, in the main, brutes. Their appetites, their passions, their drinking, their wenching was all in brute fashion.

Their discipline was brutal too. Rape was punished with the rope. Read Kipling's Danny Deever to find out just what that was like, the refrain of the second verse goes like this—

"They are hangin' Danny Deever they are marchin' of his round. They have 'tided Danny Deever by 'is coffin on the ground; An' 'e'll swing in 'art a minute for a sneakin' O, they're hangin' Danny Deever in the mornin'."

When corporal punishment was administered, the regiment was drawn up in a hollow square, while the victim was spread upon the triangle, and his back was cut to bloody ribbons. It was all part of the game. If the man could, he got hold of a ration of rum, and rendered himself some immunity from the agony of a ruined pulp of flesh. The thing was not to cry. The man's crime, his brutal attack upon some citizens, the most shocking outrage meant little to his comrades. But to cry was to disgrace the regiment. So he bit on a bullet, or a peg of coarse rope.

And if he came through his ordeal without crying, and his unconscious body was handed over to his mates who poured rum and salt into his wounds, he was a sort of hero. And even his officers would admit, "he was a game un."

Now you might well ask, what has all this to do with the Hongkong Police?

My reply is that you can understand nothing of what followed unless you fully appreciate the kind of men from whom the early rank and file of the Hongkong Police were recruited.

Up to the moment the main was made a policeman, he had regarded himself outside the rules which governed society. Society did not acknowledge him. The heroes of Waterloo were the young dashing officers. Private Smith was a creature who was paid to do what he would have chosen to do. Bores and fight. So thought society. So Private Smith did his best to live up to or down to the reputation society awarded him.

The Oriental recruits, apart from a few men planted by the pirates and Canton as spies, provided their own particular problems. The age-old commission of Asia, the tea money, comfort money, and other euphemisms which covered bribery, were not regarded askance.

The argument would be, "What is the use of becoming a policeman if you don't use the job to your own advantage?" The growing spirit of citizenship now dawning in Europe is even now only showing the first light of dawn in Asia.

Read and mark what I have written. Do not fall into the error of judging events of a hundred years ago according to the lights of today. Not assume that the police officers were of the kind we have today, who are recruited from home on reasonable salaries and living conditions.

You will understand the problems of the Police Chief only if you try to understand the sort of wretch he was able to recruit.

And if you understand that, we can go on.

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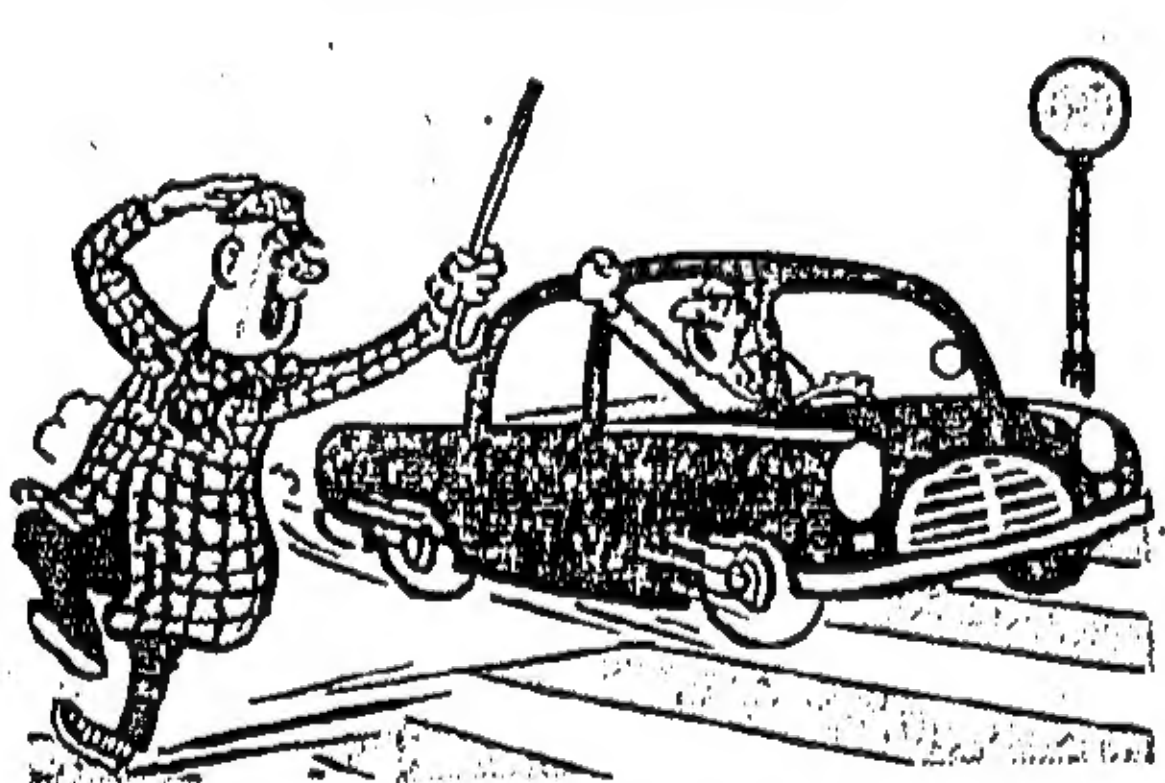
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TOMORROW: How to join

Mid Week Selection by Friell



"It has certainly shaken the Americans out of their usual preoccupation."



"You want your breath tested!"



"All I know is that they used to show a lot of horror films here."

Eton is under fire. Against the world's most famous public school the volume of criticism grows. A top China Mail writer, Donald Edgar has been examining this remarkable institution. In his third report he asks the question in the minds of many...

IS Eton an anachronism? Is it changing fast enough with the times?

There is a reforming set—both at Eton and a powerful group of Old Etonians—which feels that the school is falling behind. Who can these reformers hope to influence? Who runs Eton?

I am afraid the answer is as obscure as the English constitution. There is the Provost and a governing body composed of eminent men. For example, there is the Provost of King's, Eton's sister foundation at Cambridge, Lord Bridges, Cameron Cabell, of the Bank of England, Lord Salisbury and Lord John Hope.

But these distinguished men seem to play little or no part in the way Eton is run. Their main concern is with looking after the finances. And in recent years this has been done quite brilliantly.

Then there is the headmaster. But I must admit, after studying his position I do not envy him

Who really runs Eton? THIS MAN IS ONLY ONE OF THE POWERS BEHIND THE SCHOOL

very much. Certainly he has control of the house masters, which was not the case until recently. And he has certain powers over who enters the school.

But his powers are circumscribed by the tremendous all-pervading influence of Etonians and Old Etonians.

His power has increased in the last century. But I should say that the headmaster of Eton has considerably less authority than the headmaster of almost any other public or grammar school in the country.

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It's nowhere near as profitable as that today.

The pay of masters at Eton is better than at any other school. I think even his critics would agree that the present headmaster, Mr Robert Birley, has mainly been responsible for this.

I understand that Birley pushed through these improvements in pay in the face of considerable opposition from the governing body. But his attitude is if you want the best, you've got to pay for it.

So these house masters are a most formidable set of men.

But there is another powerful body in Eton. It could happen only in Eton.

It is "Pop." They say that if you are president of "Pop" you will never wield such power in your life again, unless you become Prime Minister or a young man.

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WOMANSENSE

by MARIE FONTAINE

Ready-to-wear in PARIS!

PARIS fashion has always been the home of two extremes—the grand couturier with the inspiration, and the "little dressmaker" who knows how to make a fair copy.

But ready-to-wear is becoming big business even with the couturiers and every six months, ten members of the exclusive "Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture Française," have a big show of these less expensive clothes.

Usually there is no big "line," but instead good, simple clothes, a wonderful choice of fabrics and this time, matched-up colours. Many famous customers who buy couture clothes, also buy "ill line" from this ready-to-wear show show.

The top Houses have agreed upon casual and witty wool materials—chequer (Prince of Wales houndstooths), diagonals, Shetlands, chevrons, wool linen and jersey. Delicate colours such as white, grey, beige and pale blue are in addition to basic black, navy, dark red and orange—the last two a welcome change.

Straight and casual

Themes in general have produced large but straight casual coats, with round collarless necklines or as a contrast, the return of the fitted redingote.

Suits are almost always casual with long blazer type straight jackets, sometimes loosely belted. Here the contrast is a more bolero. Masculine type fabrics such as tennis striped flannels and small checks are the fabrics picked for these skirts are mainly straight, but there are strong indications of a return to pleats. The dresses are simple sheaths, sometimes belted at the waistline, collarless and sleeveless. The contrast to these is a princess line. Jersey is popular for daytime wear and one wool crepe for after 6 p.m. dresses with bare backs.

Prediction

It is possible to predict that the fitted look may make a comeback in a season or two. From these simple but elegant collections, one cannot pick trends, but only interpretations. And for those of us who cannot slavishly follow the eccentricities of couture, these indications may be more interesting.

HIGHLIGHTS of the ready-to-wear include pleats at Nina Ricci with blazer jackets parting pleated skirts. An idea from Madeleine de Raucourt: three different shades of grey flannel for a bloused sheath dress and a straight coat.

Wool blend for trimming is smart and new—Jacques Heim uses it on a white wool dress with a navy blue wool linen coat.

To go with the clothes in these ready-to-wear collections, there is an interesting accessory. This is a shoe by Roger Vivier for Christian Dior made in black and white houndstooth chequer, with a small heel and a bow trimmed front.

This is an idea you can follow since it is so easy in this country to have shoes and bags made up for you from your own material.



- 1 — MAUGARD Beige, supple, with large ribs knitted; trimmed two-piece. Straight lined skirt. Large collar on the jacket.
- 2 — TIMWEAR Red and white fine wool two-piece; straight lined red skirt; white at hipline over-blouse.
- 3 — CARVEN Casual soft pink wool two-piece. Lined straight skirt on an elastic band at waistline. Roundneck sweater.
- 4 — TRICORA Beige and yellow Prince-de-Galles jersey suit. Jacket, with a large, buttoned in front tab.
- 5 — CORNUEL Comfortable, white over-blouse. Knitted in a vertical way, with 2 dark and one brown stripe in the middle. Worn with casual flannel pants.
- 6 — KORRIGAN Blue and white knitted, with large ribs, hem to 'hem' coat. Worn over a fine, white wool two-piece.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Helping A Mailman

—Knarf, Hanid And Teddy Give Out Some Advice—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, came running up to Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names.

"There's a funny-looking mailman outside," said Knarf. "He's a Bird-mailman."

"They were surprised to see that Teddy was right. The Bird-mailman looked like a Crow."



The Bird-mailman asked the Shadows for help.

He was wearing a grey mailman's uniform. He had a mail-bag over his shoulder. Around his neck he wore a silver whistle attached to a long black ribbon. His wings stuck out at the back.

The Bird-mailman was just blowing his whistle as Knarf and Hanid and Teddy came out. "Good morning," he said to them. "I'm giving you a little help."

"Do you want us to help you deliver some letters?" asked Knarf.

The mailman was shaking his head. "No," he said. "The kind of help I need is some information."

He reached back and took out a small packet of letters from his bag. He looked at the address on the first envelope.

"Do any of you happen to know a Bird named P. Igeon?" "P. Igeon?" repeated Hanid in a puzzled voice.

Knarf, pecked across at the envelope and said:

"It's the same as Pigeon."

Teddy knows him

"Oh," said Teddy. "I know Pigeon. He lives around the corner on top of an old building behind a chimney."

"That's the address I have here," said the Bird-mailman. "I was just looking for him."

He was gone. A few other Pigeons told me he had moved, but they didn't know where."

At this Hanid said she wasn't sure, but she thought perhaps P. Igeon had moved to the steeple of the church on the other side of the bridge.

"There's a whole flock of Pigeons living there," she said. "He may be there, too."

"Thank you very much," said the Bird-mailman. "I'll go there right away. But perhaps you can help me with these other letters, too."

The Bird-mailman had letters for S. Wallow, R. Obin, C. Hickadee, W. Oodpecker and G. Oose.

Going to fly south

For they knew that S. Wallow and R. Obin were getting ready to fly South for the winter and had already left to join some friends on the other side of the river.

As for C. Hickadee and W. Oodpecker, Knarf had seen them only yesterday getting ready to go on a cunning trip in the Maine woods where they might decide to spend the winter.

"But what about G. Oose?" asked the Bird-mailman. "I've got this big fat letter here for her from her brother who lives on an iceberg in the middle of the Arctic Ocean."

"That's where that Goose is gone!" cried Teddy.

The Bird-mailman thanked Knarf and Hanid and Teddy for their help.

"Well," he said, "I've got to fly down South. And I've got to fly up North and find that silly Goose who's going to spend the winter with her brother on an iceberg."

Rupert and the Windies—5



Rupert and the angry little Puke stare at their trembling pal. "Why is your face so black?" demands Rupert. "You were in the wood. Do you know what made that bang?" "Yes, I made it!" confesses Bingo. "What! Don't tell me you've been experimenting with fireworks again!" says Rupert. "Surely you got into enough trouble last year. I know," means Bingo. "But this time I've got something good. I've sent up my best rocket yet. It was a real beauty, and it hasn't come back!"



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JACOBY on BRIDGE

HERE is a double dummy problem. South's six heart contract is a reasonable one and can be made against the normal opening lead of the jack of clubs but you can't make it by normal play. Can you make it looking at all the cards?

Here is the solution. Win the club lead with dummy's ace and cash the two top spades. You must discard your singleton diamond. Then lead the jack of diamonds East covers and you ruff.

Go back to dummy with the queen of hearts and lead the nine of diamonds. East covers, you ruff again and West's eight spot drops.

Play the ace-king and your last trump discarding two spades

NORTH			
♠	AK1085		
♥	Q		
♦	AJ97		
♣	A2		
WEST			
♠	QJ743		
♥	32		
♦	AKQ10643		
♣	J10943		
SOUTH (D)			
♠	2		
♥	AK8752		
♦	K8765		
♣	Both vulnerable		
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♠J			

from dummy. East is in the lead and must play a diamond. This makes dummy's ace and seven of diamonds good and you discard two clubs from your hand. At this point everyone is down to two cards. Yours are the king and a small club. Dummy's are a small club and small spade. West is squeezed and can't guard both black suits.

★CARD SCRAB★

Q—The bidding has been:			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6NT	Pass
7			

You, South, hold:
♠AQ4♥A94♦K5♣AJ1083
What do you do?
—Pass. Your partner is showing a good hand but there is a flaw somewhere and probably his hearts are not headed by the king and queen. Settle for the sure small slam. See tomorrow's article.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You open one club holding:
♠AK5♥98♣AJ43♦QJ1085
Your partner responds one heart. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

LADY LUCK

your
CHINA MAIL
horoscope

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): You have every reason to feel optimistic about the future since you are now on the right track to achieve brilliant results.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): The opinion of a friend from abroad will give you a different slant on the project you are working on and help you in its progress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A friend of whose loyalty you have been in doubt will prove by his actions that he is completely trustworthy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Owing to carelessness you are in danger of losing the position you have attained, and you must pull yourself together in order to hold on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): An influential relative will make a generous offer to you and you should accept gracefully and without hesitation.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A friend's investment seems to have misfired, but he has only himself to blame since you warned him before he took the plunge.

LEO (July 22-August 21): If you cannot make up your mind definitely about a pending deal, sleep over it

and let things develop naturally.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Make up last night's little squabble by accepting your part of the blame and forgetting the other party's share.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): An unexpected hitch in your plan may mean a temporary set-back, but after a few days you will be able to resume where you left off.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): If you have an important paper to sign today, read it once more very carefully and if you have the slightest doubt, hold it over.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Curb your restlessness and insatiable desire for change. Take a day off, spend it in the open, and you will feel more contented.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): On meeting a very forceful personality, don't let his charm blind you to the faults of which people closer to him are fully aware.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If this is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the ACE of CLUBS.

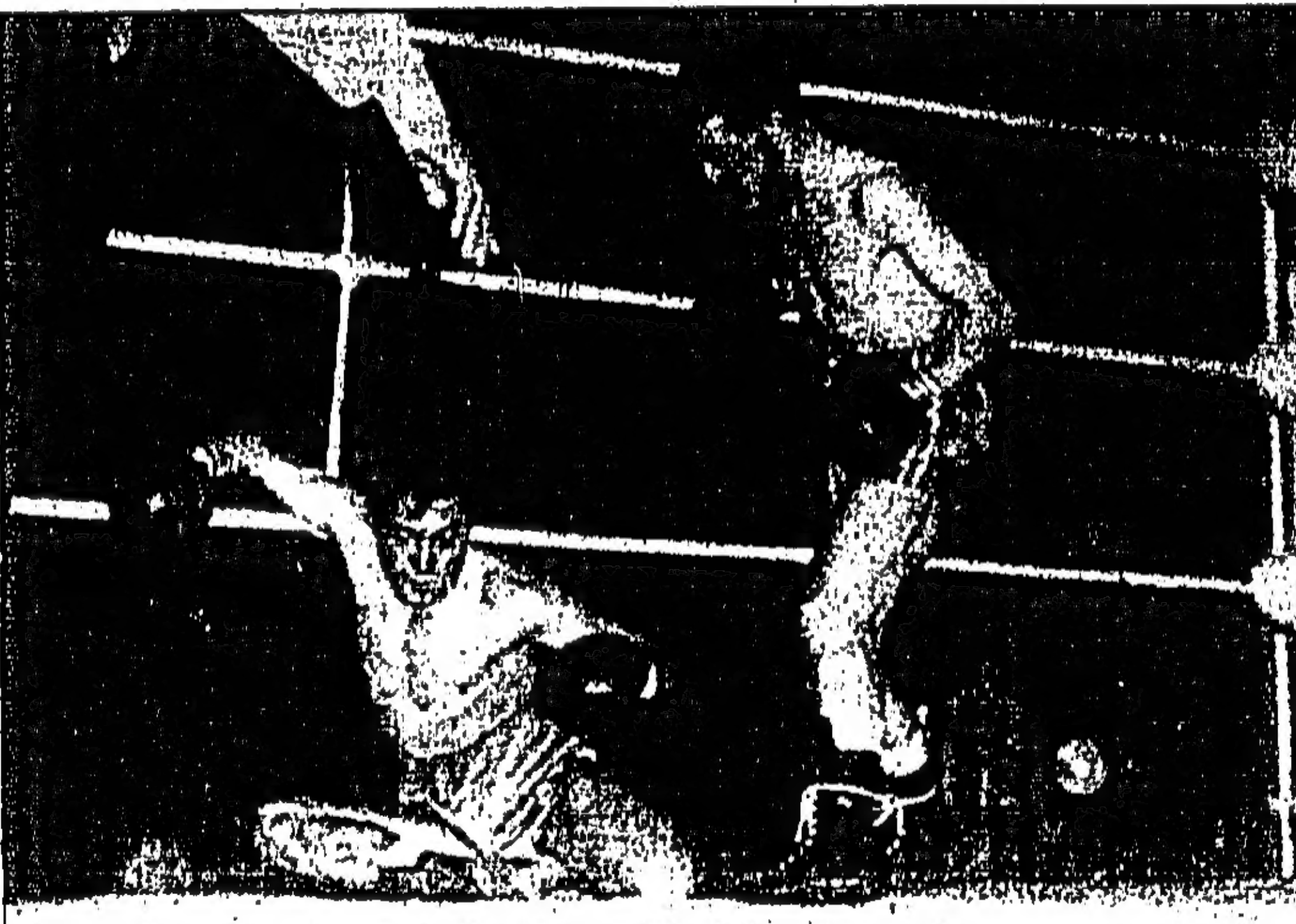
SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: The top sports event of the week was the Pearce Memorial Cup Race of the Hongkong Jockey Club at Happy Valley last Saturday. The mammoth Pearce Memorial Cash Sweep was decided on this race. Brilliantly ridden by Kenny Kwok, second favourite Fascination and winner of last year's Derby scored another great triumph by winning the race in the record time of 2 mins 7.4 secs over the 1 1/4 mile distance. Fascination's victory was worth the first prize of \$1,104,516 to ticket holder No. 84488. A group photo after the presentation of the Cup shows: (from left) Mr D. Black, Dr the Hon S. N. Chau, Messrs D. Brittan Evans, W. T. Stanton, Mrs T. E. Pearce, the Hon H. D. M. Barton, Messrs D. Benson, A. H. Fenn, Mrs Hui Hui-fun, Messrs A. H. Potts, F. K. Patterson, J. F. Macgregor, Hui Sai-fun, K. Kwok, T. A. Pearce and Wong Shu-hung.

RIGHT: Photo shows jockey Chun Kil who took top riding honours at last Saturday's meeting with his victories on Hard Hidden and Wing Che, second places on Tinkerbell and Shiraz and third place on Angela.

BELOW: What would have been the major upset of last Saturday's races was foiled at the finishing post when Miss Reading (M. A. C. Roza) was pipped at the post by fast finishing Tai-O (H. K. Hung). Miss Reading would have paid well over \$100 had it won, but despite placing second paid the highest place dividend for the day of \$28.80.—China Mail photos.



Britain's newest boxing star, flyweight John Caldwell, from Belfast, last week knocked out Young Martin (Spain) in the third round at Streatham. This picture shows Young Martin going down for one of the several knockdowns in the third round.—Central Press photo.



Photo shows MP Driberg with Weirham (in duffle coat) and the four boys before the Commons Meeting.—London Express photo.



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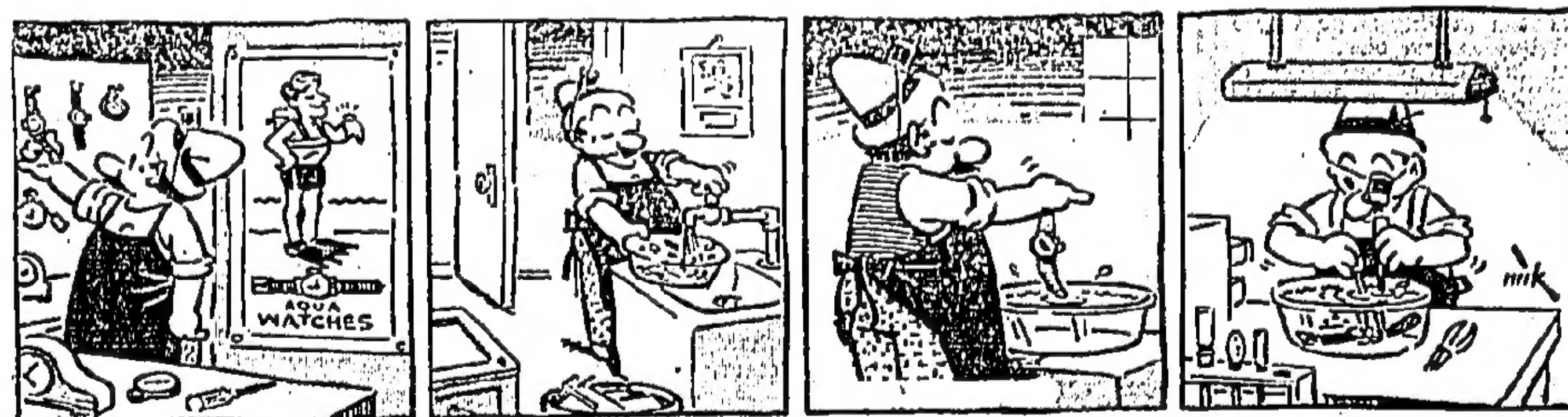
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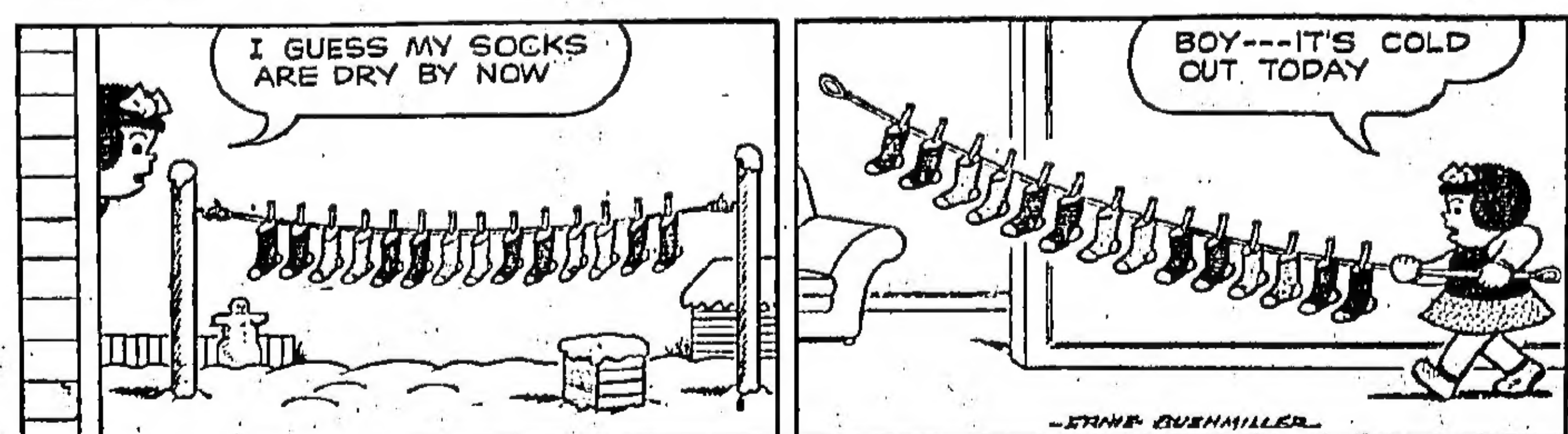
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The man who decides who's who

THE conservative-looking man pondered over my last question. Then in a deliberate Texan drawl, world-renowned publisher of the American "Who's Who" Jackson Martindell replied: "To be quite honest I don't know how many million dollars I have." Then he added quickly "I can't say I have ever really tried to count my wealth in the last 10 years."

The world's most "un-millionaire" millionaire was not boasting idly. "It doesn't particularly matter you know," he said quietly. "My main concern is to construct to help people less fortunate than myself."

On the map

And that's the reason for multi-millionaire Martindell's visit to Hongkong. "I would like to put Hongkong and its people a little bit more on the map," he said. "I think that only one man from Hongkong has ever been in 'Who's Who' but this is not because Hongkong doesn't warrant more attention. It's just that in the past, we haven't been in a position to be more selective," he added.

Jackson Martindell is a man who feels that at least 25 dignitaries in Hongkong should be included in his publication. "And taking into consideration the small European population and the number of educated Chinese, that's a very big percentage."

Great need

Mr Martindell, in his visit to Hongkong has been investigating material for the next issue of "Who's Who", which is published every two years.

"But most of all I'm looking at the possibility of being able to start an International 'Who's Who'."

"I'm sure there's a great need for such a publication and I would feel a great sense of achievement myself if I could be the founder."

For a 59-year-old man one would think that such a huge task would be asking too much of his years.

But right throughout his life Jackson Martindell has been used to biting off more than anyone else thought he could chew.

Unique story

For instance his success story must be unique amongst even the most self-made millionaires. At the age of 29, when the world was on the brink of its greatest depression Martindell

movie, nightclub or party in the night. "At first it was a strain but it certainly paid off."

Martindell, who describes himself as having the philosophy of the Hindu, is an unbelievably simple man. "I live as simply as possible. My wife and I live as much like the average American as we can."

Three houses

"It is true that we do have three houses but because of my business interests it is necessary to have these homes."

"But to point out the way we live, our car is a good example. It's not a huge low slung aeroplane-type auto. I have a 1954 Ford. It's in perfect working order and I see no real reason at this stage why I should buy a new one."

"I'm agnostic at the lack of feeling that exists in the world



Above: Mr Martindell

by Steve Dunleavy

today in regard to people who are below a minimum standard of existence."

Martindell, a big donor to many worthy charities, says that he is bothered by the number of people of great wealth who use the money to please themselves rather than helping unfortunates.

For the last 10 years Martindell in forming two other companies has not even at-

tempted to establish them as profit-making concerns. He recalled yesterday that his 10-year-old son, one of four children, shares the same room at boarding school as one of the Rockefeller children.

"I make that boy of ours think that he's as poor as a church mouse and I think it's the only way to bring him up. He might get a bit of a shock when he's older to find out that there's quite a bit of money in the family."

Martindell now plans to travel on to Japan before returning to New York.

After his return he will then concentrate on establishing the "Who's Who" International in which your next-door neighbour may well be prominently featured as a citizen of Hongkong.

'LEPER FAIR' RECORD

The Christmas Fair organised by the Aid to Lepers Group produced the record sum of \$97,606. Last year's figure was \$80,000.

Mrs F. R. Ashton, Chairman of the Marianne Reichel Aid to Lepers Group, announced this, this morning.

She presided at the 94th general meeting held in the Whampoa Dock boardroom.

In 1959, Lay On—who was also an actor and racehorse owner as well as a successful restaurateur—died and since then Miss Lee and her aunt, an Englishwoman, have been in charge of the restaurant.

"My work in the kitchens and dining rooms is largely supervisory," Miss Lee said. "I have never had any formal training for this job but my family had a restaurant in Hongkong at one time and, like most Chinese girls, I have always taken an interest in cooking."

Photographs of many celebrities decorate the entrance to the restaurant.

"We have many actors among our customers as well as members of Asian Embassies in London," Miss Lee explained.

"About 70 per cent of our customers are Europeans and some of the Chinese recipes are

SERVANT BOUND AND GAGGED

A maidservant of a North Point flat described before Judge P. R. Springall at the Victoria District Court this morning how three men tied and gagged her and robbed her of money and valuables last November.

The servant, Hung Chun, was testifying at the trial of three men, Chan Chun-wah, 21, Kwok Shing, 25, and Ip Mun-jum, 24, who pleaded not guilty to robbing the occupants of No. 80, Java Road, 4th floor, on November 25.

Hung testified that at 4.45 p.m. on November 25, she was washing clothes in the kitchen of the flat, when she heard the door bell ring. Through a peephole, she saw three men who asked for the master of the house, Mr Li Koon-van. She told Mr Li and opened the door, she said. One of the three men then pointed a dagger at her, and she was herded into a rear room where she was tied and gagged with a towel.

Hung eventually freed herself by offering bribes without knowing if it would be acceptable in the first place. Bribes are always extorted directly or indirectly in consideration of favour or convenience granted. These blatant cases that came to light occasionally were offered by naive people who had heard of the practice but failed to make the proper contact.

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HK girl helps to run London restaurant

BOY WATCHED MEN TIE UP AMAH

A nine-year-old boy sat watching four men tie up his amah and ransack his father's flat, it was stated in Victoria District court today.

The men then spotted the boy, sitting on a sofa, and grabbed him, tied him up and put him under a cotton quilt.

The accused, Chik Shu-kan, 18, Wu Xia-hung, 19, Tso Kwok-shum, 19, and Chiu Ngai-ming, 18, pleaded not guilty to robbing the amah Lee Ng, of a camera and a number of suits.

Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, prosecuting, told Judge W. F. Pickering that part of the flat where the robbery took place—12 Third Street, second floor, Western District—was used as a school.

Bell rang
At 4.15 p.m. on November 24 last, only the amah and the boy were on the premises when the door bell rang. The amah answered, and a man at the door enquired about school enrolment.

As she opened the door, the man produced a knife and pushed her into a bedroom where she was tied up. She struggled and received several blows on her face.

The man was followed by three others and they ransacked the flat.

The men remained in the flat for about 20 minutes. The amah and the boy managed to free themselves but by then the thugs had left, Inspector Smith said.

Flat in chaos
When the master of the house, Mr Yeung Kwai-tai, returned he found the flat in disorder and the telephone wire severed.

Inspector Smith said the four accused were later arrested by the Police and cautioned statements were obtained from them.

The stolen property, including a camera, three suits of European style clothing, a lady's overcoat and a pair of trousers, valued at about \$85, was not recovered, he said.

Hearing is continuing.

The third accused is represented by Mr Benjamin Liu, and the fourth by Mr Terence Shurlock.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Corruption
Sir—It would be ridiculous to imagine anybody in his senses to offer bribes without knowing if it would be acceptable in the first place. Bribes are always extorted directly or indirectly in consideration of favour or convenience granted. These blatant cases that came to light occasionally were offered by naive people who had heard of the practice but failed to make the proper contact.

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FISHING JUNK CREW ON DRUG CHARGE

Claim they were detained in International waters

It was alleged by a defendant in the Victoria District Court this morning that the crew of a fishing junk charged with exporting and possessing more than 15 lbs of heroin, was arrested in international waters.

In cross-examination, however, Detective Sub-Inspector Poon Bing-Kit of the Anti-Narcotics Branch, denied the allegation.

Before the court are 10 men and a 15-year-old boy who are charged with various offences connected with dangerous drugs.

Earlier evidence alleged that a police launch and junk had watched a trawler and a junk rendezvous off Po Toi Island, south of Hongkong, on the night of December 6. Police then closed on two ships and found the drugs.

Denial
This morning, one of the accused, Chan Tung-kwok, denied that Inspector Poon had seen his boat in a bay at Po Toi Island.

"I put it to you that my ship was in International waters when you first saw me," witness said. "I was not in the bay. I put it to you that the distance between the positions when we were seized and the bay of Po Toi Island is about one hour's sailing."

"The vessel was not beyond the International Boundary Line," Inspector Poon replied, "and it was not one hour's sailing distance."

Asked by defendant what time the junk was seized, Inspector Poon said it was about 8.45 p.m.

"What time was it that we arrived back at the police station?" asked Chan.

"Almost midnight," witness replied.

"When Inspector G. J. Rid-dell gave evidence, he said it was 12.15 a.m. when we arrived at the headquarters," Chan went on to say, "and Inspector Poon the distance between the spot where they were alleged to have been arrested, and the police station."

Alleged export
The Inspector said he did not know offhand, and he would have to have time to work it out.

Lam Choo-sing, 27, and Kwong Yick, 38, are alleged to have committed an act preparatory to exporting 15lbs 4 1/2 ounces of heroin at a point south of Po Toi Island on December 6.

The third defendant, Chan Tung-kwok, 30, is alleged to have exported five tins containing the heroin, without a manifest.

Chan and the remaining defendants, Lam Man-chung, 22, Chan Siu-tak, 32, Wong Kiu-fuk, 31, Lam Kee-chung, 42, Hui Chiu-hing, 40, Chan Sang-hong, 20, Kam Chi-tai, 20, and the 15-year-old boy are alleged to have exported and possessed the drugs.

Mr W. S. W. Davidson, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, and Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr A. M. L. Soares, of Messrs Bruton and Co, represents first defendant, Lam. The remaining defendants are not represented.

The hearing before Judge B. J. Jennings continues.

Mongkok building scheme

Plans for three six-storey houses to be built at Mongkok were laid before the Tenancy Tribunal this morning, when application was made for exemption for 265-271 Portland Street.

The new buildings would cost \$150,000 and be finished in about 10 months, said Mr Steven Yue, the architect.

The co-applicants, Mrs Wan Shing and Mr Wong Tin-tak, were represented by Mr P. T. Yu, of F. Zimmerman and Co.

Mrs Wan said in Court she estimated she would collect \$6,000 in rent a month from the tenants of the three new houses, which would contain 15 flats and three shops.

She and her co-applicant, Mr Wong, had bought the existing premises, which are 30 years old, in September, 1959, at a cost of \$185,000.

Mrs Wan said she also owned another now five-storey house from which she collected \$1,700 in rents monthly.

There are 39 opponents, including the owners of small businesses on the ground floor. They are represented by Mr G. de Baskin, instructed by Hastings and Co., Mr Philip Wong, of Lau, Chan and Ko, Mr Francis Wong, of C. Y. Kwan and Co, Miss Helen Lo, of d'Almeida and Mason, and Mr P. C. Woo.

The members of the Tribunal are: Mr J. E. Dargan (President), Mrs R. Lossby and Mr G. Lin.

Hearing continues.

A 14-year-old boy, who admitted at the last hearing that he had indecently assaulted a 12-year-old girl on board a sampans in Causeway Bay on February 2, was ordered to be detained in the Castle Peak Boys' Home by Mr D. Benson at Central Juvenile Court this morning.

A special feature of these eight shops is the architectural trimmings which is in the colourful Chinese style.

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THE decision of the Directors of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co Ltd to erect a row of shops extending along Salisbury Road from the company's main gate to Canton Road and fronting on the Star Ferry "circuit" may be heralded as a scheme calculated to brighten very considerably the main entrance to Kowloon.

"This funny world"

"Mum, is there some way I can ship being a second agent?"

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February, 1935

L. Gaddi, driver of private car No 1689, summoned before Mr E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Central Magistracy yesterday for having caused obstruction by parking his car opposite the Radio Office in Des Voeux Road, Central, was fined \$5.

The death occurred of Mr Fred Norington, Junior Charge Engineer at the Power Station of Hongkong Electric. He was 41 years of age and came to Hongkong in 1920 to join Alex Ross and Co.

THE Hauptmann jury is to go into vaudeville. That was the startling statement made yesterday by the foreman. A substantial offer has been made by a leading vaudeville circuit and it is almost certain to be accepted.

Americans outside New Jersey will thus have a chance of seeing the jury which recently convicted Hauptmann of the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh baby.

Scots Wa Hail A Sasemach writes in a London Sunday newspaper wrote thus of Robbie Burns on the eve of Burns night: He was "one of the least drunk and most disolute libertines that ever stained human records."

"In charity, no one would like to think that the majority of those who sell copies of Burns night are 'one of the least drunk and most disolute libertines that ever stained human records.'"

"His is as vile a record as can be placed against the account of any man of high or low degree. Burns was a plagiarist in art and a parasite in life..."

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